Reviewer's report

Title: Association of nutritional status and serum albumin levels with development of toxicity in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer treated with paclitaxel-cisplatin chemotherapy: A prospective study

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Major compulsory revisions.

It has long been recognised that hypoalbuminaemia is associated with nutritional decline and poor survival in patients with cancer. However recent evidence points to such relationships being secondary to the presence of a systemic inflammatory response (McMillan, 2008, 2009). Indeed, this has been shown clearly in patients with advanced NSCLC (Forrest et al., 2003; 2004; 2005). Therefore, the present study is limited interest unless they have a measure of the systemic inflammatory response.


Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests