Reviewer's report

Title: Combined mRNA expression levels of members of the urokinase plasminogen activator (uPA) system are correlated with disease-associated survival of soft-tissue sarcoma patients

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Minor essential revisions
- Add and specify the 25-75th percentile for each median value reported (results pag 6)
- The Authors should explain why they used the mRNA median value (50th percentile) as cut-off for survival analysis in all population and 33th percentile in the R0 subgroup.
- They should state the follow-up end point used for Cox’ univariate analysis.

Discretionary Revisions
- It would be interesting include a table with the mRNA median values of the single components in the different STS histotypes.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.