Reviewer's report

Title: A validated survival score for patients with metastatic spinal cord compression from non-small cell lung cancer

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I think that the study is very interesting with a potential return in the clinical practice. Therefore, I think that It should be published. I have only some discretionary revisions:

Discretionary revision:

- In the Abstract as well as in the Results paragraph the sentences “ambulatory status” should be changed in “pre-radiotherapy ambulatory status”.

- The authors should better define, in the Methods paragraph, the difference between ECOG-PS and pre-radiotherapy ambulatory status; they seem in part overlap.

- In the Conclusions paragraph the authors should conclude that a prospective confirmatory study is warranted.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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