Reviewer's report

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The authors have made a concerted effort to improve their presentation. However, in the absence of a multivariate analysis, the significance of C4d expression as an independent prognostic marker remains questionable. Moreover, importance of the information is further diminished as the pre-existing WHO grade remains the most significant prognostic parameter for grade II-IV astrocytomaa. I suggest that the authors may like to pay more attention to characterizing the tumour microenvironment components which may lead to the discovery of new and functional prognostic markers.