Reviewer's report

Title: The Glasgow Prognostic Score, an inflammation based prognostic score, predicts survival in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma.

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Reviewer: Elaine Leung

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Many thanks for the revisions. My previous comments were addressed.

However, I would like to clarify the results of the survival analyses. Did it include both curative and non-curative groups? Were the relationships between the parameters and survival the same in each group?

Minor Essential Revisions

Perhaps reconsider the use of box-plots to describe the distribution of CRP and albumin in the GPS and mGPS groups. There are too many outliers and a better way to describe the differences may be to use histogram for each GPS subgroups so that we could see the spread of changes more clearly.

Perhaps in the conclusion you could mention one of the strengths of this paper (that you have included the non-curative group). However, you should also mention CLIP is also independently prognostic in the conclusion.

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