Reviewer's report

Title: Clinicopathologic features and prognostic implications of NOK/STYK1 protein expression in non-small cell lung cancer

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In this study the authors examined the protein expression level of unique tyrosine kinase STYK1/NOK in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and found that it's protein expression is up-regulated in majority of the lung cancer tissues compared with that in non-cancerous part. This is the first report regarding STYK1 protein level in NSCLC and it was found that STYK1 could be prognostic marker in NSCLC patients.

Minor Essential Revisions: There might be the patients treated with chemotherapeutic drugs after surgery. The authors should describe the information regarding the relationship between outcome (recurrence etc.) after adjuvant chemotherapy and STYK1/NOK expression level.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 regarding this manuscript.