Reviewer's report

Title: Prognostic information of serial plasma osteopontin measurement in radiotherapy of non-small cell lung cancer

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Major Compulsory Revisions: None

Minor Essential Revisions: There were a fair number of grammatical errors in this paper that I think should be revised. A lot of run on sentences, sentence fragments, and confusing sentence structure that did not flow in a comfortable way I have listed some below.

Abstract was concise and hit all major points of the journal. I would recommend shortening the results section

Line 121-122: needs to be re-worded to make the point sound clearer

Line 121-123: sentence is too long and fragmented, needs to re-worked to convey the point

Line 215 grammatically needs to be fixed

Line 242: Not sure what this sentence means, At the mean f/u for living pts of 35 months, 83% of pts had died, which pts had died?

Line 243-243: I think this should be re-written to reflect the point of this sentence. OPN levels at 4 weeks following treatment were predictive of survival.

Line 255: I would re-write, the data is good but grammatically is incorrect

Line 327: I would re-write grammatically incorrect

Line 384 sentence is a run on, shorten or make 2 sentences

Discretionary Revisions: Have the authors considered evaluating rate of change in addition to absolute change over these time points? Calculation of OPN velocity might have been a useful assessment in this study.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interests or disclosures to make in reference to the review of this manuscript.