Reviewer's report

Title: Increased expression of integrin-linked kinase is associated with shorter survival in non-small cell lung cancer

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Reviewer: Jeremy Graff

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General. This is generally a decently written study. This report would add to the current literature supporting the importance of ILK in tumor progression.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
To be accepted for publication, the photomicrographs must be submitted and published in color. It is impossible to evaluate whether the staining patterns reported are evident or not with the black and white photomicrographs.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
The English should be improved. For instance, the authors repeatedly use the expression "low or none expression". That should be revised to low or no expression...

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

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None