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

Reviewer's report:

General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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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)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
The authors still have a significant problem with the written english throughout the document (p.8, midway through first paragraph- ILK mediated pathway that may enhance tumor progression is its regulation of MMP expression). This is simply very awkward writing. Also, would it be prudent to address the nuclear staining for ILK??

What next?: Accept after minor essential 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

Statistical review: No