Reviewer's report

Title: Serum diagnosis of diffuse large B-cell lymphomas and further identification of response to therapy using SELDI-TOF-MS and Tree Analysis Patterning

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General

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

It will be highly appreciate if the author can include the identification those protein candidates. And also, perform validation using immunoassay based approach (such as ELISA). However, if those data is not available at present, this study is still very promising to the field.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

In Abstract and Introduction part, there are repeat mis-spelling term for SELDI-TOF-MS, the author use SELDI-TOP-MS, and this should be corrected as the SELDI-TOF-MS.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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