Reviewer’s report

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Minor Essential Revisions
Fig. 2B, C may be omitted because they are not dealing directly with uPAR status.

Major Compulsory Revisions
uPAR positivity is a prognostic factor (concerning survival) only for G1 status, not for G2 and G3 - see fig. 3. This fact is very important and should be more discussed.

Dysplasia is not suitable lesion to be included in a control group, especially when grading related features of uPAR status is investigated.


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: 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