Reviewer's report

Title: Bioelectrical impedance phase angle in clinical practice: implications for prognosis in stage IIIB and IV non-small cell lung cancer

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The authors need to include details about the BIA instrumentation and measurement protocol. What were the electrode sites used for the BIA, at what frequency were measurements. The authors claim that the BIA was used to assess nutritional status but there is absolutely no mention of any other measures of nutritional status.

How is this manuscript different from their papers in advanced colorectal and pancreatic cancer? Is it simply the type of cancer that differs?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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