Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Valeria Saraceni

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Minor essential reviews: I strongly suggest that table 2 should be merged with Table 3 both for the sake of space and comprehension by the readers.

Figure 2 should have a better presentation to mark the distinction between the 2 lines in the KM graphs in black and white.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance 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.