Reviewer's report

Title: Determinants of outcome of solitary fibrous tumors of the pleura: an observational cohort study

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Reviewer: Kaid Darwiche

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to Review the manuscript "Determinants of outcome of solitary fibrous tumors of the pleura: an observational cohort study".

The study addresses a rare condition, is very well and precise written and adds valuable Information. Therefore, it should be considered for publication.

However I have a few comments to the authors:

Major Revision:
More than 50% of subjects with high proliferation rate and more than 10% mitoses pro HPF (are these the same subjects?) died within one year. This rises some questions particularly when perioperative mortality is zero. Which is the reason that this subjects died? Relaps of the Tumor? Comorbidity? Late postoperative complications? A comment to this fact by the authors is required.

Minor Revision:
All abbrevations should be explained in each table seperately.

Best regards
K. Darwiche

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:

No conflicts of interest to declare.