Reviewer's report

Title: Oxidative stress level is associated with performance status but not survival in terminally ill cancer patients: a preliminary study

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Please number your comments and divide them into

- Major Compulsory Revisions
  1. Title may need to be revised as the association of Oxidative stress and Performance status was not the primary objective of this study

- Minor Essential Revisions
  Author may consider to revise the manuscript in
  a) Abstract (p.2): Background need to be revised to delete "performance" as it was not the primary aim as per the main manuscript.
  b) Abstract(p.2): Results: may be helpful if OR, p-values are included
  Conclusions: May need to clarify the lack of association between oxidative stress and survival

- Discretionary Revisions
  Many consider clarifying 1st sentence of Background Para. 2 "patients with malignant tumors...."

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