Reviewer’s report

Title: The correlation of SUVmax with pathologic characteristics of primary tumor and the value of Tumor/ Lymph node SUVmax ratio for predicting metastasis to lymph nodes in resected NSCLC patients

Version: 1 Date: 24 October 2012

Reviewer: meral gulhan

Reviewer’s report:

In general it is a well-written article and the issues researched are original. Although it is worth being published, it is a little too lengthy as two different topics have been researched. Provided that the writers also agree, it would make it more to the point and easier to understand if shortened. As criticism of it has also been made by the writers themselves in the discussion part, especially the validity of the results concerning lymph nodes is quite low, since the study is retrospective. For this reason, the paper could be shortened by omitting the section on lymph nodes, and thus only making the correlation between SUVmax of primary tumour and pathological characteristics.

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 interest.