Reviewer's report

Title: Identification of the soluble form of tyrosine kinase receptor Axl as a potential biomarker for intracranial aneurysms rupture

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The study is interesting but the experimental design of the study is problematic. To further exclude the common effect of hemorrhage, the patients with cerebral hemorrhage should be separated from disease control. Thus the whole data should be re-analyzed by comparing differences between RIA, UIA, DC and cerebral hemorrhage.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests