Reviewer's report

Title: Variations of circulating cardiac biomarkers during and after anthracycline-containing chemotherapy in breast cancer patients

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Reviewer: Susanna Scarpa

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This is an interesting paper and we have noticed that the authors have already performed a first series of modifications. Among the additional files, we have controlled also the answer of the authors to the reviewer and we found that the authors have exhaustively responded to each reviewer's point and modified the text in accordance.

All changes and corrections performed have improved the quality of the manuscript, that now is good and also English language sounds correct.

Therefore at our opinion this work doesn't require other main modifications, except for a sentence and few references that need to be revised:

page 3 lines 5-7 "Nevertheless, studies evaluating the predictive role of NT-proBNP in the detection of chemotherapy-related cardiac dysfunction (CRCD) gave conflicting results and the threshold of positive tests has not been determined yet8,9."

This statement is incorrect, also because the two references 8, 9 are old of 2008 and 2005, and the authors cannot say that the predictive role of NT-proBNP in detection of chemotherapy-related cardiac dysfunction has not been determined yet, because new data have been published at regard.

The authors must insert some new references regarding predictive role of plasmatic NT-proBNP in chemotherapy-related cardiac dysfunction and modify the text accordingly. For example there are the following authors that have published in relation to this subject: Cil T et al, 2009; Kittiwawarat A et al, 2013; Ky B et al, 2014; De Iuliiis F et al, 2016.
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