Reviewer's report

Title: Pretreatment albumin/fibrinogen ratio as a promising predictor for the survival of advanced non small-cell lung cancer patients undergoing first-line platinum-based chemotherapy

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The manuscript is overall well-written, although needing some language review.

Some points could be improved:

- the study lacks a control group analysis of patients not treated with platinum-based chemotherapy, to understand if the suggested marker is a predictive or a prognostic one

- the treatment of stage III patients is not clear. Since they were excluded from surgery (according to inclusion criteria), the authors should state if they have been excluded also from radical-intent radiotherapy and for which reasons.

If they received radical-intent radiotherapy, they should be analyzed as a separate cohort of patients for the analyses.

- in the introduction, the authors should discuss about the importance of predictive biomarkers in the context of the new therapeutic options available, thus referring to immunotherapy, combination treatment with ICI and chemotherapy and targeted agents

- information about molecular characterization is missing

- in the discussion the authors should put the new information depicted in the manuscript in the context of pre-existing studies about potential predictive/prognostic markers. Please discuss the potential role of molecular predictive markers of platinum-based chemotherapy and the lack of clinical application for these study and the potential (controversial) role of other circulating biomarkers such as NLR.
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