Reviewer’s report

Title: Solid component tumor doubling time is a prognostic factor in non-small cell lung cancer patients

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The authors report a retrospective study on the prognostic role of doubling time of solid component of lung cancer. The findings are quite interesting although the paper in some parts results confusing. A lot of analyses and subanalyses have been done: in my opinion this big amount of data leads to confusion in the readers with the risk to lost the primary message. In fact, being the number of patients relatively low it is unuseful to do subanalyses on a small number of pts. I recommend to remove these results.

In addition to the retrospective fashion, there is another important limitation in this study: the radiological evaluation has been performed by two thoracic surgeon. despite the assumption these surgeons are expert in radiology field for lung cancer it could be advisable that the radiological measures would be done by expert radiologists, in fact the simple diameter evaluation sometimes is not accurate to measure the tumor and its doubling time. This limitation should be underlined and addressed in the paper.

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