Reviewer's report

Title: Heat Shock Protein-27, -60 and -90 expression in gastric cancer: association with clinicopathological variables and patient survival

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I think the article by Giaginis et al. is well written, and their statistical analysis regarding the association of the intensity / expression of HSPs with clinical variable and survival is also appropriately conducted. I did not find any major issues that need modifications, but there is one minor issue concerning the small sample sizes of some of Chi-square tests (Table 1-3), which will need an exact test or continuity correction to derive more accurate p values. From the descriptions in the method section, it does not appear that the authors have done that.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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