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From Gloria M Calaf

Answers from the Reviewer:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   The authors present well defined and important question for practical use in breast cancer.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   The methods are clear and well defined according to my experience and publications.

3. Are the data sound?
   The data are sound and clear cut.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes, they use standards methods to report the data

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes, discussion and conclusions are well balanced

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? No

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? No

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes
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