Reviewer's report

Title: Clinicopathological and Gene Expression Parameters Predicts Liver Cancer Prognosis

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The authors combined the clinicopathologic characters and gene expression signatures to predict the outcome of Liver cancer patients. The work is rather meaningful. However, somes points need to be revised.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. In the part of "Further Classification of good and poor prognosis groups using gene expression...", the authors should explain the principle components (PCs) in detail.

2. As the authors have mentioned, there were really relationships between gene expression signatures and clinicopathologic characteristics. If mixed the two parameters in one model, the relationships should be carefully discussed.

- Minor Essential Revisions

Some of the tables in the submitted work were not refered in the work and not well explained.

- Discretionary Revisions

None

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.