Reviewer's report

Title: Micro-RNAs as diagnostic or prognostic markers in human epithelial malignancies

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Major Compulsory Revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions:
Please change last sentence of abstract to avoid overstating:
Nonetheless, well-conducted miR profiling studies can contribute important insights….

Introduction
Paragraph 2, line 4: Change “inferior” to “worse” overall survival
Page 4, last sentence: Transcript (mRNA) profiling is technically impossible….
This is not true since many RT-qPCR diagnostic tests use mRNA from FFPE tissues. Suggest changing to “technically challenging”

Discretionary Revisions: none

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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