Reviewer's report

**Title:** Human alpha-defensin (DEFA) gene expression helps to characterise benign and malignant salivary gland tumours.

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The authors addressed most of the criticisms. I have only one discretionary comment: in most of English papers salivary gland types are indicated as parotid, submandibular, and sublingual glands.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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.