Reviewer's report

Title: PIK3R1 underexpression is an independent prognostic marker in breast cancer

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Minor essential revision: In the last sentence of the Discussion on page 18, the sentence should be changed to read "could be explored" rather than "could be used" to reflect the need to confirm the hypothesis that PIK3R1 underexpression might predict trastuzumab resistance. I do not want it suggested that PIK3R1 is currently ready for use as such a predictive marker.

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