Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clinical relevance of breast cancer-related genes as potential biomarkers for oral squamous cell carcinoma

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The authors have revised manuscript of this article by incorporating and analyzing the mRNA expression signatures of the two independent cohorts in the public domain to validate the clinical relevance of breast cancer-related genes in HNSCC. This approach has addressed my concern about whether their small cohort is reproducible as a prognostic biomarker. Overall, the revised manuscript is of sufficient novelty and scientific merit.

**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.