Reviewer's report

Title: Meta-analysis confirms BCL2 is an independent prognostic marker in breast cancer

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The manuscript by Callagyi al. reports Meta-analysis confirms BCL2 is an independent prognostic marker in breast cancer. They investigated the role of BCL2 expression by immunohistochemistry with a sample size greater than 100. Seventeen papers reported the results of 18 different series including 5,892 cases with an average median follow-up of 92.1 months. Their findings strongly supported the prognostic role of BCL2 as assessed by immunohistochemistry in breast cancer and shows that this effect is independent of lymph node status, tumour size and tumour grade as well as a range of other biological variables on multi-variate analysis. Large prospective studies are now needed to establish the clinical utility of BCL2 as an independent prognostic marker. This is a well analysis study, and worth to publish.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'