Reviewer's report

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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As indicated in previous comment, the RTQ-PCR data was not sufficient to prove the main conclusions whether NF-kappa B regulated genes are good candidates for IBC. As authors mentioned in their letter, their institution started to collect new diagnosed IBC samples to perform the IHC and also protein level of six genes differentially expressed in IBC vs Non-IBC samples. I strongly believe that including IHC and protein data will strength the manuscript to be acceptable in BMC Cancer.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.