Reviewer's report

Title: CDKN1C/p57kip2 is a candidate tumor suppressor gene in human breast cancer

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General

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

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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:

The authors reported that CDKN1 is a candidate tumor suppressor gene in human breast cancer, which is well written and understandable. There are, however, a couple of questions.

1. Because they investigated very little number of the cases in this report, clinicopathologic analysis is not enough.
2. Are there any relationship between the tumors with Al/LOH and clinicopathologic factors, such as ER, PgR, HER2 etc?
3. Table 2 is very complicated. The table shows negative data concerning relationship between clinicopathologic factors and mRNA or protein expression of CDKN1. So the author should simplify this table.