Reviewer’s report

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Minor Essential Revisions

How is low mRNA expression level defined? How is high mRNA expression level defined?

In qPCR the accuracy of the normalized data is highly dependent by the reliability of the reference genes. Hence, it is important to determine the more appropriate potential reference genes for the specific experimental purposes. The authors should choose two or three specific reference genes for ovarian carcinoma in order to evaluate the high/low mRNA expression.

The idea of summarizing the clinocopathologic features of the patients (Table 1) is very useful for the reader.

Moreover the authors should compare ITGB3 expression among different FIGO classes and surgery classes.

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