Reviewer's report

Title: External Validation Suggests Integrin Beta 3 as Prognostic Biomarker in Serous Ovarian Adenocarcinomas

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Reviewer: Paul Eilers

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Most of my remarks have been addressed adequately, but the third one remains.
In their cover letter the authors state: "We think that the choice of Mann-Whitney test is the most appropriate. There are too many variations caused by the method western blot to perform an analysis with numerical values.". This expresses a feeling or impression without any checking of statistical distributions. It should be documented whether the observed distributions differ too strongly from the Normal to make a nonparametric test mandatory.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.