Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Prognostic impact of Skp2, ER and PGR in male and female patients with soft tissue sarcomas

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The authors reported the prognostic impact of Skp2, ER, and PGR in male and female patients with soft tissue sarcoma. Overall, the manuscript is well written and the methods are suitable and the results/illustrations are convincing. There are some suggestions to the authors:

1. In many reports of STS, gender has rarely been reported to be associated with patient outcome. In this cohort, the female gender have a trend to be of better outcome (Table-1, p=0.087). Is it related to the gender-related prognostic impact of various biomarkers found the the study?

2. The nationality of the patients also significantly affects patient outcome, the authors should discuss it more detail.

3. As a study lumping various sarcoma types together for survival analysis, the authors should further mentioned the limitation caused by the heterogeneity of tumor types.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests