Reviewer's report

**Title:** Translating a gene expression signature for Multiple Myeloma prognosis into a robust high-throughput assay for clinical use.

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The authors have perform a well conducted validation study to clearly demonstrate the performance, accuracy and reproducibility of the platform across samples and time. This is an important step forward for the application of gene signature in the clinic for myeloma.

However, issues remain regarding the utility of this signature versus others that are also equally well validated in terms of prognostic importance. Another issue is that the study only show that the quality is good if the samples are send into signal genetics. Reproducibility in other labs are important if we want to apply this widely.

These issues will need to be address in future studies

**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:**

I have no conflict of interest to declare