Reviewer’s report

Title: PIPelle Prospective ENDOmetrial carcinoma (PIPENDO) study, pre-operative recognition of high risk endometrial carcinoma: a multicentre prospective cohort study

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The authors present a thoughtfully designed research protocol evaluating preoperative predictors of high risk endometrial carcinoma. While many of the tests are not entirely novel, a comprehensive evaluation of their utility in tandem is unique. The manuscript is well written, concise, and strongly supports the rationale behind the panel of markers they have selected. Publication of their research protocol is of value to literature as it will herald the results of their final analysis and provide improved awareness of the utility of markers they have selected.

Major Compulsory Revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions:

The authors repeatedly switch between present and past tense throughout the manuscript when referring to specimen acquisition and processing. As this manuscript represents an interim report, I would recommend keeping the acquisition as past tense and the processing/analysis as future tense. Otherwise, it is somewhat unclear about what has already occurred.

Discretionary revisions: none

Level of interest: An article of importance 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