Reviewer's report

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The authors have with the revised manuscript adequately assessed the raised questions.

It would still be interesting to actually see the gathered data from the patients with benign histology, but the authors have emphasized the primary goal of the study being to evaluate a normal population. However, using this approach the strength of the second part of the study is very low.

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 declare that I have no competing interests' below