Reviewer's report

**Title:** Inflammatory response associated with mammary carcinomas in female dogs: immunophenotyping of lymphocytes and the relationships between prognostic factors and survival rates

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**Reviewer:** Juana Martin de las Mulas

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The authors have made a great work in revising the manuscript which has been greatly improved. All the questions raised by this reviewer as major compulsory revisions have been addressed but one: the lack of complex carcinomas in your series. I must admit your explanation is sound. In fact, we had published earlier than Erdélyi and coworkers a research work with similar conclusions (Espinosa de los Monteros et al 2002, Vet Pathol 39: 247-256, 2002). However, I suggest you indicate your series of carcinomas was a selected series consisting os simple and mixed carcinomas exclusively.

**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