Reviewer's report

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in this revised version of the manuscript, Bhat-nakshatri et al. focused their attention on the role of TNFalpha and SLUG expression in the induction of CD44+/CD24- expression in breast cell lines. They explored and explained the role of the pro-inflammatory cytokine TNFalpha in the SLUG dependent induction of the breast stem cell phenotype.

Authors made the efforts necessary to improve the manuscript, answering to all my criticisms.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field