Reviewer’s report

Title: Columnar cell lesions of the canine mammary gland: pathological features and immunophenotypic analysis compared with the human breast

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Despite certain shortcomings, this paper does document the presence of columnar cell lesions in the canine breast. Some additional minor essential revisions are still required.

Abstract: Replace the last line in the background as follows- The aim of this study is to describe the morphologic spectrum of columnar cell lesions in the canine breast and their association with other breast lesions.

Do NOT use the words “molecular or immunohistochemical profile” as IHC was done on very few cases.

Background (page 3): In the second paragraph, change “subclassifications of these” TO “subclassified”.

Material and Methods (specimen selection): First paragraph, second line (page 4) change FROM “The mammary glands sample” TO “The mammary gland samples”.

Materials and Methods (Immunohistochemistry; page 4): First paragraph, first line, change “procedured” TO “performed”.

Results (second paragraph on page 5): In the second line, change “cytoplasmic” TO “cytoplasm”.

Results (fifth paragraph, last line on page 6): Change HCC to CCH.

Results (sixth paragraph, second line on page 6): Change HCC to CCH.

Table 1 (Footnote): Change “columnar cells lesions” TO “columnar cell lesion”.

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 competing interests.