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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In this study, the authors investigated the columnar cell lesions (CCLs) of the canine mammary gland. The finding that CCLs of the canine mammary glands closely resemble CCLs in human specimens is interesting. They concluded that dogs are suitable model for the comparative study of noninvasive breast lesions; however, the reason why the authors could conclude so is still unclear in this revised version.

Major Compulsory Revisions
The association between CCLs and coexistence of neoplastic lesions is not clear. The authors modified table 1 of the original manuscript to Table 1 and 2 in this revised version. However, it is still difficult to understand these two tables emphasize.

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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.