Reviewer's report

Title: Mesenchymal and stemness circulating tumor cells in early breast cancer diagnosis

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The paper has been improved slightly but there are still a lot of grammar and spelling mistakes. The abstract is the most badly written part.

Fig. 2 can be placed in a review article but not in an original article. This figure has to be excluded.

If statistics have been performed such extensively, they should be given in a table with all the p-values.

The whole article is a mixture of review and some original findings. It has to be re-structured with a clear outline. It is often difficult to follow.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.