Reviewer's report

Title: Preoperative serum levels of lipocalin-2 and matrix metalloproteinase-9 (MMP-9) are associated with prognosis of breast cancer.

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Reviewer: Antonia Gounaris

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The objective of the study is an important one, especially to those with related research interests. The authors submitted a revised version of their manuscript which seems to be satisfactory. In agreement to the other reviewers' comments, I feel more confident to accept the changes made in response to our comments and to return a positive report.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.