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: Ralph Arlinghaus

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The immunoassay results are likely to be misleading due to cross-reactivity with unrelated proteins. Protein-specific assays (e.g. Western blotting) must be conducted to validate the values obtained with the immuno assays.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.