Reviewer's report

Title: The presence of tumor associated macrophages in tumor stroma as a prognostic marker for breast cancer patients

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- Major Compulsory Revisions <none, but the paper would definitely be better if the authors could condense the discussion particularly into a more condensed form >

- Minor Essential Revisions

  1 Background para 2 line 4 'tune out' informal - suggest 'downregulate'
  2 Background para 3 line 2 'regarded as a ...'
  3 Methods para 1 line 6,7: Follow up time - is this for all patients, or survivors only?

- Discretionary Revisions / < none >

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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