Reviewer's report

Title: The expression and clinical significance of extracellular matrix protein 1 and vascular endothelial growth factor-C in the lymphatic metastasis of human breast cancer

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Reviewer: Ferdinando Mannello

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The revised version of ms has been improved in several crucial aspects. I believe that the increase of patient numbers (and the inclusion of another specific lymphoangiogenic factor) may be surely useful (but not essential at this point) and may significantly strengthen the paper making it surely an article of outstanding merit and interest in its field.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'