Reviewer's report

**Title:** Proteins and carbohydrates in nipple aspirate fluid predict the presence of atypia and cancer in women requiring diagnostic breast biopsy

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**Reviewer:** Robert T Chatterton

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There are some deficiencies in the manuscript that must be corrected. Some words that were to be removed, e.g., "HRT" and "family history" remain in the manuscript.

Table 1 should indicate the units, which apparently are mean of Log(10) values. The results for TF + uPA + PAI + age are listed as 1.0%. Do you really mean percent?

Nothing is plotted in Figure 1D.

**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'