Reviewer's report

Title: Mononuclear cells support mammary tumor invasivity by co-secreting lineage-specific EGFR ligands and a STAT3 activator

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This manuscript details the impact of the TMAs on the tumor cells and vice versa. It presents a very detailed assessment of the cytokines/growth factors that are produced by the two cell populations as a result of these interactions and the ultimate impact on tumor cell behavior. The data on HB-EGF is very well supported by clinical data as well.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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