Reviewer's report

Title: Serial enumeration of circulating tumor cells predicts treatment response and prognosis in metastatic breast cancer: a prospective study in 393 patients

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This manuscript is clearly written and logically argued. The findings although not novel confirm the validity of serial CTC enumeration in assessing treatment response.

The data appear sound, are adequately presented and reasonably interpreted.

I only have one minor comment:

It is surprising that there is a quite high percentage of tumors with unknown Her2 status (52/393). How was Her2 positivity defined (by immunohistochemistry and/or immunofluorescence?)

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.