Reviewer’s report

Title: In vitro and in vivo MMP gene expression localisation by In Situ-RT-PCR in cell culture and paraffin embedded human breast cancer cell line xenografts

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In this study, the relationship between MMP expression and breast cancer was investigated. The research question is important because of the relationship between breast cancer invasion and metastasis and extracellular matrix degradation by MMP. Although the results were predictable, the methodology is interesting. The data should be of interest to readers of the BMC Cancer, the only two concerns are regarding the length of the discussion, which should be shortened, and the quality of the images, which should be improved.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests