Reviewer’s report

Title: Prognostic Significance of Urokinase Plasminogen Activator and Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-1 mRNA Expression in Lymph Node- and Hormone Receptor-Positive Breast Cancer

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Reviewer: Leslie W Huson

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

(1) The references to Figures in the text do not match the labelling of Figures in the copy of the MS which I have reviewed. For example, the Figures referred to in the text as 2A and 2B are labelled Figure 3 and Figure 4 at the foot of the figures themselves. This needs to be checked and amended as necessary.

(2) In the first sentence of the Statistical Analysis section the authors refer to "appropriate nonparametric statistics tests". In fact one of their analyses here uses an ANOVA model, not a nonparametric test, and so I suggest that the phrase "appropriate nonparametric statistics tests" be replaced by the phrase "appropriate statistical tests". The table itself then contains the necessary information about which test was used.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.