Reviewer's report

Title: Mammaglobin A and lipophilin B are co-expressed in breast cancer and gynecologic malignancies

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General
The authors did a reasonably comprehensive exploration of mammaglobin-A and lipophilin-B expression in different tissues and cell-lines. Their data confirms that mammaglobin-A is not as tissue specific as originally thought. In addition, the co-expression of the two proteins described earlier for breast, is found in many –if not all- other tissues.

The manuscript is concisely formulated and written in good English.

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

The abstract should contain more actual data. The numbers of tissues tested and percentages positives, etc. are necessary to properly value the paper when reading the abstract. Similarly, the results section might contain a statistical analysis of the coexpression of both proteins, e.g. a Spearman correlation test or similar.

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

The labels in figure 2 of the different amounts of MG and LipB contains a mistyping: mg should be ng. The 1 pg label is missing.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Please use the same order of reporting in both materials & methods, and in the results section; the Northern Blot method should be mentioned before the expression analyses.

What next?: Accept after minor essential 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