Reviewer's report

Title: Nuclear and cytosolic overexpression of LASP-1 correlates with tumor size and nodal-positivity of human breast carcinoma

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General

The manuscript "Nuclear and cytosolic overexpression of LASP-1 correlates with tumor size and nodal-positivity of human breast carcinoma" by Butt et al., is a well done work on this field of breast cancer research.

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

None.

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

Reference (5) in the second line of third paragraph of discussion is wrong. It should be (4).

Paragraph 7 of the discussion. The issue of the apparently discordant results between the paper (ref 34) and the present data should be discussed in more detail.

It seems important to settle whether or not the expression of LASP-1 is or not related to cell proliferation. The fact that it was not related to Ki67 immunostaining is at least intriguing. I would suggest authors re-examine (perhaps with the mitotic index as they suggest is better to assess cell proliferation) this issue.

The last paragraph of discussion regarding its prediction for node-positivity, seems to speculative and should be tempered.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely
related research interests

**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'