Reviewer's report

Title: A comparative study between mixed-type tumours from human salivary and canine mammary glands

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Reviewer: Maria Gärtner

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General
This study is well presented and illustrated. The work is very important once it deals with a comparative study between mixed-type tumours from human salivary and canine mammary gland. What concerns canine mammary mixed tumours and its histogenesis it is a very important field under study and human salivary tumours will take much advantage from this animal model. The abstract is adequate, has got sufficient data illustrating the objectives and specially the main content of the paper.

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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)
The language is generally acceptable however I would suggest to the author to do some small corrections to improve the quality of written English. The methodology used it is accurate. However, Table 3, referred in page 5 under immunohistochemistry methodology, paragraph 1, line 6, it is referred but not included in the text. It is very important to mention the type of antibodies used and there respective clones and makes.

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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 importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests what concerns this work.