Reviewer's report

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

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General
This revised manuscript has answered my previous criticisms. On re-reading there remain some minor points which the authors should put right prior to any publication.

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)
p<0.05 is expressed in a variety of ways throughout the manuscript including "Probability of #-error inferior to 5%", P <0.05 (note capital and although the form does not show them, italics) as well as p<0.05. Please standardise on p<0.05.
There are still a small number of typographic/translation errors - In Reference 1 the first author is Lindblat-Toh; elsewhere RNAm appears for mRNA, and tumours that are described as malign would more conventionally now be described as malignant.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
The references quoted for the co-incidence of human breast and mammary cancer distribution are old. They could usefully be updated with more modern references likely to be more accessible to some readers.

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.