Reviewer's report

Title: Coexpression of VEGF-C and cyclooxygenase-2 and its Association With Lymphangiogenesis in Human Breast Cancer

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General
Zhang XH, et al reported VEGF-C and COX-2 related lymphangiogenesis and lymph node metastasis as well as prognosis in breast cancer. This article is well studied and discussed, but unfortunately there are no novelty because of these facts is already reported in several papers.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1) Evaluation of lymphangiogenesis by "hot spot method" is not unaccectable, as estimation LVD should go on Chalkley gridding method (Br J Cancer 95:1611-25, 2006).
2) Selection of cases sounds inappropriate, as median

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

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

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:
Nothing to declar.