Reviewer’s report

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

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The paper was considerably improved. Most of the suggestions were accepted and included in this new version. However, there are still a few issues to be clarified:

1) The Abstract is not fully comprehensive. The results should be more informative. Lymphatic density is not adequately reported and it is part of the study. It is important to inform the use of double staining.

2) Double staining was performed to highlight the lymphatic neovascularization. But in Materials and Methods and Results sections there is no mention how Ki-67 was evaluated. This is important to enhance the comprehension about the lymphangiogenesis activity.

3) The authors did not mention if LVD was evaluated in intratumoral and/or peritumoral area. This is important to discriminate lymphangiogenesis. Intratumoral LVD is a concept currently disputable. The Ki-67 figure seems to be taken in peritumoral. Is this correct? This is important to be discussed in Discussion section.

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: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.