Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Increased expression of MMP-9 and IL-8 are correlated poor prognosis of Bladder Cancer

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**Reviewer:** Hari Koul

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The authors present a straightforward study of gene expression pattern of MMP and other related genes in bladder cancer and control tissues. The conclusions of the study that elevated expression of MMP9 and IL8 are associated with poor prognosis of bladder cancer.

Major concerns: None

Minor concerns:

The study would be significantly strengthened in the authors could provide protein expression data and or MMP9 zymograms in addition to gene expression data.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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'