Reviewer's report

Title: Triple-negative breast cancer is associated with EGFR, CK5/6 and c-KIT expression in Malaysian women

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The paper is well written and the analyses well done; However minor issue are below:

1) When estimating the Ki-67 proliferation index you mention random and systemic sampling? can you explain further. Did you first select at random a starting zone and then systematically select a profile each given step.

2) When you give means plus/minus a value specify if it is a standard deviation or standard error (even if it is very likely from the data that they are SD).

3) The author state that TNBC cases exhibit a higher frequency of p53 positivity suggesting that TNBC might associated with p53 misense mutation. This seems to me a strange conclusion since there is no evidence from the data that this is so. did the authors screened for p53 mutations?

4) please give exact values of p-value up to one significant decimal and not just the upper bound.

5) what is the sense of UNKNOWN in table 1. do you mean undetermined?

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.