Reviewer's report

Title: Prognostic Impact of Peritumoral Lymphocyte Infiltration in Soft Tissue Sarcomas

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The study by Sorbye at al. is preliminary but solid. It provides correlative evidence suggesting that a high density of CD20+ B cells in the peritumoral capsule of soft tissue sarcomas has a negative impact in term of prognosis. This is in contrast to the better prognosis correlated with B cell infiltration of some other types of cancer. The data are preliminary but the study was well conducted, and the data are appropriately presented.

Minor essential revision:

Although the discussion suggests possible roles for B cells in inflammation and suggests a possible role for Ig deposition in sarcoma pathogenesis, the possibility that B regs might accumulate at the tumor site should also be considered in the Discussion.

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:

No competing interests