

**Table 1.**

**Heparanase (HPSE) scoring intensity levels in paired patient tissues by immunohistochemistry**

<b>Patient case</b>	<b>Pathologic status</b>	<b>HPSE score</b>
1	Breast cancer primary	0
	BMBC	3+
2	Breast cancer primary	1+
	BMBC	1+
3	Breast cancer primary	1+
	BMBC	2+
4	Breast cancer primary	2+
	BMBC	2+
5	Breast cancer primary	1+
	BMBC	1+
6	Breast cancer primary	0
	BMBC	1+
7	Breast cancer primary	0
	BMBC	2+
8	Breast cancer primary	0
	BMBC	1+
9	Normal mammary gland	0
	Invasive carcinoma	1+
10	Normal mammary gland	0
	Invasive carcinoma	2+
11	Normal mammary gland	0
	Invasive carcinoma	2+
12	Normal mammary gland	0
	Invasive carcinoma	1+
13	Normal mammary gland	0
	Invasive carcinoma	1+

**HPSE scoring scale (0 - 3+ ):**

**0 = background staining**

**1+ = weak staining**

**2+ = moderate to strong**

**3+ = strongest staining**