Reviewer's report

Title: Comparison of techniques for handling missing covariate data within prognostic modelling studies: a simulation study

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This article has been improved and all my major concerns have been addressed adequately either in the manuscript or in the authors' response. I only have one further minor concern, as follows:

MINOR Revision
- The authors need to explain how the logistic regression coefficients for modelling missingness mechanism are chosen. Is it based on empirical results from the breast cancer dataset?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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