Reviewer's report

Title: Diagnosis Delay of Breast Cancer and Its Associated Factors in Malaysian Women

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Reviewer: Jo Waller

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I think the paper is improved but I still have a number of concerns.

Throughout the paper, the English needs to be checked by a native speaker. There are grammatical errors throughout, and in the Discussion, this still makes it difficult to understand whether the authors are referring to the findings of this paper, or to previous findings.

I felt that the Discussion was still too long, and especially the Conclusions section.

The authors did not respond to my suggestion to include a reference to the Andersen model. I still think it would be helpful to reference a paper on the theoretical and methodological issues in delay. An alternative (open access) paper would be:

Andersen RS, Vedsted P, Olesen F, Bro F, Søndergaard J.
Patient delay in cancer studies: a discussion of methods and measures.
BMC Health Serv Res. 2009 Oct 19;9:189.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'