Reviewer's report

Title: Analysis of and prognostic information from disseminated tumour cells in bone marrow in primary breast cancer: a prospective observational study

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Compulsory revisions
I recommend that the authors include the false positive rate on normal donors in the abstract
In the abstract, in the last sentence, the authors should mention micrometastasis disease in the bone marrow, not bone marrow metastasis
The authors should indicate the reason of not using 150 patients’ samples not only in the answer to reviewer but also in the methods’ chapter

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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