Reviewer's report

Title: Diagnostic value of fine-needle aspiration biopsy for breast mass: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Samuele Massarut

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Dear Authors,

I am very sorry but I think that your article is not good enough to be published. There are many grammar and spelling mistakes and some sentences are cumbersome.

It is not clear what was the rate of C1 reports. It is not specified how many times C3 and C4 results turned out to be cancers. It is not reported how many open biopsies resulted in a benign final histology. In conclusion, most of my questions received no answer, so my recommendation is reject.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests