Reviewer's report

Title: External Validation of the Bayesian Estimated Tools for Survival (BETS) Models in Patients With Surgically Treated Skeletal Metastases

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The paper itself is very well written and very clear and the results impressive and will be very useful - especially when the 'app' becomes available.

Figure 1 could be improved by using straightforward English rather than the field names taken from the database, similar with Fig 2.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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