Author’s response to reviews

Title: Detection methods predict differences in biology and survival in breast cancer patients

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Professor Carl Blomqvist
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Dear Dr. Blomqvist,

We are sending to you a revised version of the manuscript entitled “Detection methods predict differences in biology and survival in breast cancer patients” (1504351557748191) to be published in BMC cancer.

To improve the quality of the article we have introduced the modifications required by the reviewers. We are sending you the revised version with the changes highlighted in red.

I hope this revision and the responses to the reviewers adequately address the reviewers’ observations and suggestions, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Maximino Redondo
Reviewer 1
• We have changed c-erb-B2 by HER2/neu throughout the manuscript.

Reviewer 2.
• The conclusion has been modified according to the comments.
• Nomenclature has been standardized concerning HER2/neu and CI = .
• English has been corrected by a professional editing service.
• We have introduced references for three paragraphs of the introduction sections.

Associated editor
• The following sentence has been eliminated in the abstract section: “although no differences were found in survival when they were compared with symptomatic cancers after adjusting by tumour size” and “whose prognostic significance is similar to that for symptomatic breast carcinomas”. In addition, the conclusion has been modified accordingly to the commentaries.
• The following sentences have been eliminated in result section (last paragraph): “Very importantly, no differences in survival were detected between incident cases and symptomatic ones” and also “whose prognostic significance is similar to that of symptomatic breast carcinomas”.
• Finally, according to the commentaries, we insert the following sentence at the end of the discussion section: “Studies with larger series of patients are needed to corroborate our findings and to establish new biological characteristics associated with the prognosis of screen-detected carcinomas”.

Editorial request:
• English has been corrected by a professional editing service.