Reviewer’s report

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The authors state in the result section: "Although this study by Samur et al[4] had an unadjusted HR for DFS and did not fulfill the requirement of high validity, we did not exclude this study with negative outcome to increase the reliability of positive results of meta-analysis."

This sentence does not really make sense and should be re-written. It surely cannot be that the authors include or exclude a trial based on negative versus positive results as they describe despite "not fulfilling requirement of high validity".

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:

No