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Title: Eligibility criteria for breast intra-operative radiotherapy: a study about 12,025 patients treated in two distinct cohorts

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Please, find enclosed a paper by ZIOUECHE Amira et al. titled “Exclusive intraoperative radiotherapy for invasive breast cancer: proportion of eligible patients and survival without expected local recurrence as a function of the selection criteria of 12,025 patients”, that we would like to submit to your journal BMC Cancer.

This work has not been previously published elsewhere for review, and its publication has been approved by all co-authors.

This is a retrospective study concerning 12,025 breast cancer patients belonging to 2 cohorts to estimate the proportion of eligible patients for Exclusive Intra-Operative Radiotherapy and their expected survival rate without local recurrence. This study suggests that almost an half of T0-2 N0 patients could be eligible for exclusive IORT with an expected 5-years survival rate without local recurrence more than 96%.

At our knowledge, it is the first time that such a study has been conducted and these results reported.

We hope this manuscript will be favourably considered. Thank you for your help and consideration in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Amira ZIOUECHE

PS : I made the changes requested for resubmission : Line numbering was added, title page was completed by the email address of all authors, authors contribution was specified. Please note that we don’t have any to acknowledge.