Title: Survival of patients with metastatic breast cancer: twenty-year data from two SEER registries

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General
In response to the reviewer's report, the discussion has been reduced in length.

Previous publications of using the lognormal model are mentioned on P.5.

Major Compulsory Revision
1. Confidence intervals are reported in the result section.
2. The relative survival rates are presented.
3. Period survival analyses are used for comparison.

Discretionary Revision
Statistical tests of significance of age differences are removed.

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