Reviewer's report

Title: Chance mechanisms affecting the burden of metastases

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Reviewer: Victor Moreno

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General

After reading the author's replay I still think that the paper is just a well done simulation exercise with little interest because it is based on a set of parameters which are poorly explained. No data is given to support the validity of the parameters, only 2 references to previous work of the author.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'