Reviewer's report

Title: Bioelectrical impedance phase angle as a prognostic indicator in breast cancer

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Reviewer: Ursula Kyle

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The paper is well written and poses the question well. The methods are appropriate and well described. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported.

Minor essential revisions

Discussion

Although the authors mentioned that phase angle depends on age, sex, and body mass characteristics, the authors should make it clear that the cut-off of phase angle in this study might be different in other study populations (older subjects, men etc).

Please shorten the discussion on page 4, third paragraph, lines 84 to 103. The discussion of dietary intake does not directly related to your study, thus can be abbreviated.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'