Reviewer's report

Title: Comparison of breast cancer survival in two populations: Ardabil, Iran and British Columbia, Canada

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Major comment:-
The authors report that the one-year breast cancer survival rate in Ardabi (Iran) is 16%. This estimate is too low to be true. Even five-year survival rate for breast cancer in the least developed countries such as Africa is higher than 30%. For example, according to a recent paper by Coleman et al 2008 (Cancer Survival in five continents: a worldwide population-based study), the five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer in Algeria was 38.8%.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.