Reviewer’s report

Title: Breast cancer screening in the Czech Republic: time trends in performance indicators during the first seven years of the organised programme

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Reviewer: Antonio Ponti

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This paper is a sound, well organized, well written and documented report on the organization and results of the Czech breast cancer screening programme. Its strengths includes being one of the first breast screening evaluation from a New Member State, providing population based figures, providing insight on relative performance and effectiveness of organized vs opportunistic screening. Analysis is designed for evaluating early impact indicators and performance parameters overtime, while screening organization changes and experience grows. Comparison with European standards and results is provided.

I don’t have any major compulsory revision.

Minor essential revisions:

- define B/M in Methods (Data analysis) section

Discretionary revisions:

- If there are problems of paper length, Figure 1 and Tables 4,5,6,7 may be omitted especially if they can be made available as an on-line Appendix
- On the other hand, advanced cancer rates (not just proportion) overtime would be interesting to add.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'