Reviewer’s report

Title: Time trends in breast cancer incidence and mortality in a middle-sized northeastern Brazilian city

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The paper has been improved by the revisions. However there is one issue which I think still needs to be addressed. There is evidence of an upward trend in incidence which is particularly noticeable in women at mid-life. The authors say that screening mammography is available but that women are not invited for screening. As screening is highly likely to have contributed to this increase in incidence it is important for the authors to comment on when screening became available and what proportion of women in different age groups are now screened.

I do not wish to be offensive but the English expression still needs to be improved.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests