Reviewer's report

Title: High incidence of prostate cancer metastasis in Afro-Brazilian men with low educational levels.

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Major compulsory revisions:
1) Abstract methods: first line should read "...more likely to present with metastasis..."

2) The authors should change the wording of their hypothesis. A prognostic marker is a feature which controlling for other known prognostic markers tells you additional information about how an individual will do with their disease. In this study they show that lower SES is associated with worse disease at presentation only not that skin color or SES is associated with disease outcome independently.

3) "Glasgow" should be changed to Gleason in the last paragraph of the discussion.

4) The authors need to explain what it means to have collected medical record data from "select cases". This dramatically alters the reader’s ability to interpret the data if they are somehow extrapolating from a selected review.

5) the conclusion should be changed along the lines of point 2 - the authors have not shown that men of African descent are more likely to develop metastatic disease, merely that they are more likely to present with advanced disease.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

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