Reviewer's report

**Title:** High incidence of prostate cancer metastasis in Afro-Brazilian men with low educational levels: a retrospective observational study

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
Abstract: should not say that individuals were 4.8 times more likely to "develop" metastases. it should more accurately read: ...more likely to present with metastases...

Results: I disagree with the authors interpretation of their data. Race and skin color may well be associated with more advanced disease at diagnosis but unless they control of access to healthcare, I do not support the interpretation that these are risk factors for distant metastases at the time of diagnosis.

The whole thing should be recast as follows: men with low SES are more likely to present with aggressive disease. This may be related to biology or access to care - this study cannot determine the difference between the two.

If written that way, I think it would be fine to publish.

**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