Reviewer's report

**Title:** Analysis of Orthopedic Surgery of Bone Metastases in Breast Cancer Patients

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**Reviewer:** Toru Akiyama

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I reckon this paper is interesting. However, some minor essential revisions must be done.

**Minor Essential Revisions**

1: There are a lot of abbreviations, such as pts or R1. Please explain them.
2: Please explain R(0), R1, R2. What is the meaning of "radical".
3: Please explain surgical margin for wide resection cases.
4: Please demonstrate the relationship between local recurrence and survival.
5: Please show the protocol of radiotherapy in your department. The dose, fraction and indication have to be written.
6: The purpose of surgical treatment for spinal bone and limb is different from each other. Naturally, the surgical margin is different from each other. Please show the data of spine cases and limb cases separately.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.