Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Andreas Leithner

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The authors have improved their manuscript. To strengthen the impact of the paper I still recommend some corrections:

1. The main message of this paper seems to be, that solitary bone metastases more than 10 years after a breast carcinoma should be treated with a wide resection. Please state so in the abstract and the conclusions. I think this statement is more appropriate than discussing an impact of a wide (R0) resection as a predictor for survival.

2. Please revise the paragraph in the discussion section (end of page 8) accordingly. Underline the importance of an aggressive approach in this subgroup of long survivors! Delete (in this paragraph) the sentence “We believe this is a bias”.

3. Provide a table with an analysis of the prognostic value of the single parameters.

4. Correction by a native speaker would increase readability

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests