Reviewer’s report

Title: Sentinel lymph node biopsy in melanoma: Our 8-year clinical experience in a single French institute (2002-2009)

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I have read the article by Biver-Dalle C et al, that deals with the use of lymphatic mapping/sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLNB) in patients with melanomas.

Several studies on this topic have been done previously, and with larger patient populations, so the paper lacks some significance. However, the manuscript reports a single-centre experience and further support the conclusions of many other authors, regarding the role of SLNB in melanomas.

The paper is well-written and all sections (introduction, patients and methods, discussion) appear well structured. English is generally correct.


To conclude, the paper might be accepted for publication, after these minor but essential modifications.

I thank you again for the invitation to review an article for BMC Dermatology

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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