Reviewer's report

Title: Risk-reducing strategies for women carrying BRCA1/2 mutations with a focus on prophylactic surgery

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The authors provide a review of the literature and summary of the existing management options for women who carry a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation.

References are needed for many sentences including the first paragraph of the introduction, the fourth paragraph of the introduction, and the first paragraph of the chemoprevention paragraph. A reference is needed for the last sentence of the fourth chemoprevention paragraph. A reference is needed for the last sentence of the first paragraph of the prophylactic salpingo-oophorectomy section.

The statement: 'Prospective controlled trials examining the various interventions...' should be clarified. The authors mention randomized controlled trials earlier in the abstract.

The wide use of abbreviations distracts the reader. Suggest use of abbreviations only for widely accepted terms such as DCIS, MRI. Suggest using long form for terms such as breast cancer, ovarian cancer, epithelial ovarian cancer, life expectancy.

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

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.

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I declare that I have no competing interests