Reviewer's report

Title: Beliefs and attitudes about breast cancer and screening practices among Arab Women living in Qatar: A cross sectional study

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This is a strong paper that focuses on secondary prevention of breast cancer, an important aspect of cancer care among Arab women living in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula. The findings help to dispel a myth that Arab Muslim women do not screen for breast cancer because of religious beliefs. Recommendation from a health care provider, the study shows, is far more important to Arab, Muslim women than religious beliefs, including that cancer is God's punishment, cancer fatalism, and modesty. The authors point the way to increasing secondary prevention of breast cancer among Arab women living in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula. This excellent paper--it's well written, it's methods are good, and it's conclusions compelling--merits publishing.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.