Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of lymphedema in women under treatment for breast cancer in a referral center in southeastern brazil

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Major Compulsory Revisions -

This revised application has addressed many of the comments from the prior submission. I have two remaining comments.

1. Page 5 - Line 13 - "AWS" has not been defined as yet in the manuscript.

2. Page 6 - Time since diagnosis is an interesting variable. It makes perfect sense to include time since diagnosis, but at the same time, the longer time since diagnosis, the greater the chance for lymphedema to develop. Thus, time since diagnosis should be a confounder and adjusted for in the analysis, not examined as a predictor variable, especially in light of the cross-sectional design of the study.

3. Page 7 - The signs and symptoms are a result of lymphedema, not a predictor. Thus, caution needs to be taken when making interpretations about these findings.

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 have no competing interests.