Reviewer's report

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REVIEW ON THE ABSTRACT.

There are differences in Finland an Iran when using the English language to describe BSE-related circumstances, but I am sure that we mean the same things. According to Finnish standards of presentation, BSE is aimed at DETECTING CHANGES in the breasts, while THE DIAGNOSIS OF THE CHANGES is carried out by mammographic and other clinical investigation. In Iran, women who performed BSE effectively were those who perceived high degree of benefits and low degree of barriers; therefore it is important to explain to large populations the benefits of, and the easy ways to attend comprehensive BSE programs.

REVIEW ON THE ARTICLE ACCORDING TO GIVEN GUIDELINES

“To predict factors associated with Breast Self-Examination behaviour in a sample of Iranian women: An application of Health Belief Model”.

Article type: Research on health beliefs, health habits and influence on women´s breast health.

POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED

generating my knowledge as a radiologist / oncologist, health educator and adviser in health education of the WHO:

1. The question posed is well defined. The authors are exploring the concrete psychological factors, that may predict BSE-behaviour in well defined female individuals. A written interview according to a certain health belief model (HBM) is used to ease in a trustworthy manner comparisons to other investigations done or expected to be done

2. The methods are appropriate and well described

3. The data seem to be sound

4. The manuscript seems to adhere to relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. I am not an expert on this item, but I think that it is correct.

5. The discussion and the conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data and by comparisons to other investigations

6. Limitations of the work are not stated or needed

7. The authors clearly report on published work, but not from e.g. the nordic
countries, where the item has also been worked upon and discussed in medical fora
8. The title and Abstract convey the findings
9. The writing is of great interest, because little is previously known about the item on a global scale.

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