Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Dermoscopy a technique for the early identification of foot melanoma: a review

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On page 2 under the title of melanoma of the foot, it states that Controlling for other variables, their results confirmed that primary melanoma on the foot had a 5 year survival rate of 77% compared with 94% and 95% for lesions on the calf and thigh respectively.

The main prognostic variable is Brelsow thickness and the reader would want to know whether this was also matched between the 2 groups. This is alluded to in the subsequent paragraph, but it is an area of vagueness in the statement given that other variables are said to be controlled.

An acronym is a set of initials that can be pronounced as a word. As such ABCD does not constitute an acronym, which is how it was described.

**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.