Author’s response to reviews

Title: Screening mammography for second breast cancers in women with history of early-stage breast cancer: Factors and causes associated with non-detection

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Dear Editor and reviewers,

We thank the Editor and reviewers for valuable comments. We have provided point-to-point responses to the comments below.

Please let me know if you require any additional changes or information.

Reviewer #1:
Robert E Lenkinski, Ph.D. (Reviewer 1): The authors have responded appropriately to the criticisms of the second reviewer. The manuscript is improved.

-- Thank you for your comment.
Reviewer #2:
Takahito Nakajima, M.D., Ph.D (Reviewer 2): Manuscript and statistical analyses were revised well. There are minor issues about the table style.

#1 Cell alignment
All texts and numbers should be placed at center-align except left columns.

-- Response to comment #2-1) As recommended, all texts and numbers of all tables have been modified to be in central alignment except for the left column.

#2 "Non-detection" in the first row of the table
The expression of "Non-detection", "No" and "Yes" in 1st and 2nd rows in tables would be difficult for readers to understand.

1) Please merge 1st and 2nd lines.

2) "No" should be replaced to "Non-detection" and "Yes" should be replaced to "detected" or "detect" in table 1, 2 and 3. < I might misunderstand the meanings of "Yes" and "No". Please clarify the meaning of yes and no.

-- Response to comment #2-2) We modified the 1st and 2nd rows in table 1, 2 and 3 as your recommendation.

#3 Vertical lines should be deleted.

-- Response to comment #2-3) All vertical lines were deleted throughout the tables.

#4 The spacing of rows should be adjusted in all tables.

-- Response to comment #2-4) We adjusted the spacing of rows in all tables. Please let me know if any further change is needed.

#5 Font style of left columns should be reconsidered to be easy to be recognized in table 3.

-- Response to comment #2-5) We modified font style of left columns in table 3. Please let me know if any further change is needed.

Others:
p3L78, (p= 0.001... > (Put "a space" behind p) > (p = 0.001...

-- Response to comment #2-6) We modified from “p= 0.001” to “p = 0.001” in the abstract, line 78, page 3.