Reviewer’s report

Title: AJCC 8th Edition Prognostic Staging provides no better discriminatory ability in prognosis than Anatomical Staging in triple negative breast cancer

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An interesting study trying to explore the relevance of novel (8th) AJCC TNM for two cohorts of triple-negative breast cancers. The authors found that novel staging did not provide better discriminatory ability in predicting TNBC patients' outcome compared with the classical anatomic TNM.

The findings from the present study are useful but I believe that the current staging will have to modified following novel treatment modalities such as immune checkpoint inhibitors and PARP inhibitors that have been approved for TNBC patients. However, in the cohorts presented in the current study, these novel treatment modalities were not used and consequently could not affect the outcome of the TNBC patients. The discussion paragraph on this should be expanded.

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