Reviewer’s report

Title: Experiences of positive encounters with healthcare professionals among women on long-term sickness absence due to breast cancer or due to other diagnoses: A nationwide survey

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This article is well written, interesting and well exposed.

The work presents several strengths, and the two major limit were 1) the response rate of 55.4% (but a large sample) and 2) the limited statistical power in the BC group (but focus on this population, for which knowledge is lacking). Nevertheless, it presents interesting results, linked with practical experiences for women on long-term sick leave.

A necessary correction: first line of discussion, the use of the abbreviation 'BA' is understandable (and only 1 use of it in the whole text); please write the complete words.

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