Reviewer’s report

Title: Partial mastectomy using manual blunt dissection (MBD) in early breast cancer

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The authors have performed some additional revisions which have indeed strengthened the paper, particularly the included section on the rating of the cosmetic outcomes.

Major Criticisms

Why did the authors choose to ask a breast surgeon and patient to perform the rating of the cosmetic outcomes? Why not more raters? Was the rating performed before or after completion of radiation? Was there any bias or was the rating blinded? For example, the evaluators should be given photos of patients with the technique as well as patients who did not receive the technique to avoid bias.

Minor Revisions

The included revisions need to be corrected for grammar and spelling.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.