Reviewer’s report

Title: Mapping Evidence on Women’s Knowledge and Practice of Breast Self-Examination in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Scoping Review Protocol

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Reviewer: Akira Hida

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Dear,

I believe the role or impact of breast self-examination is different between developed and developing countries. It would have a positive effect on women's public health in Sub-Saharan Africa.

I have some minor concerns as below. Hope to see your following paper based on this protocol.

1. At the first line of background in both abstract and the main manuscript, BC "is" the most common malignant,, I think.

2. On the line 33 in the abstract, I wonder you miss "a verb" after "propose to".

3. On the line 47 in the abstract, you may need "." after "a narrative approach".

4. On line 77, you may need "or or and" between "(BSE)" and "clinical".

5. The description "before it develops to malignancy" on lines 79-80 are incorrect, I believe. As a pathologist, I can find a few cases of cancer growing in a benign lesion. When a breast abnormality is found, some of them are benign such as fibroadenoma or papilloma, and some are already carcinoma.

6. On the line 200, you may need "," after "To avoid bias".

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