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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is overall a well-written manuscript. However, two minor points need to be addressed as minor-revision. 1. In the limitation, please add another point that "the number of subjects/participants included was relatively small" 2. It would be interesting to briefly discuss the palpation imaging, in comparison to ultrasound and other radiological diagnostic modality. For example, this reference can be cited and explored. Ding Y, Sun C, Zhou Q, Cheng C, Yan C, Wang B. Use of Palpation Imaging in Diagnosis of Breast Diseases: A Way to Improve the Detection Rate. Med Sci Monit. 2020 Nov 28;26:e927553. doi: 10.12659/MSM.927553. PMID: 33247894; PMCID: PMC7709466.

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1. Figure1, suggest to use PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram platform 2. Complete lists of abbreviation are needed for table 1 and figure legends 3. Who are two independent investigators? Also, It will be better to show kappa for the selection and data extraction. Please show the data of kappa of agreement during the systematic searches. How disagreements were solved during the systematic search among two independent reviewers? 4. This meta-analysis has not been registered online. Please add this point in the limitation. 5. Search terms in MEDLINE, EMBASE, SCOPUS, PubMed Central, CINAHL, Web of Science and Cochrane library are different, need full separate search terms, strategies and syntax in each search database.