

# Review of: "[Commentary] Impact of Total Mastectomy on the Lymphatic Pathway and the Limitation of PET Imaging in Breast Cancer Surveillance"

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## Dear Authors

**This Commentary is concerned about total mastectomy and lymph node dissection, and its effect on the lymphatic pathway. This manuscript is narrated well, however, it could be more controversial! So I have some suggestions that would be useful.**

1-The main title has two aspects: 1-the impact of total mastectomy and lymph node dissection on the increased metastasis possibility and 2-the limitation of PET in the detection of lymphatic metastasis. What is the relationship between these two separate topics? It would be better if you changed the title or expressed it more specifically.

2-The PET modality possesses limitations regarding the detection of lymphatic metastasis, not breast cancer, so the replacement of "breast cancer" with "lymphatic metastasis" in the main title would be better.

3-Adding more discussion regarding alternative modalities like MRI instead of PET for lymphatic metastasis could help readers reach a clear conclusion.

4-It would be better if the importance of PET limitations for the detection of lymphatic metastasis is expressed with more details.

Regards,

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