

# Review of: "Effect of Ethnic Differences on Breast Cancer Presentation and Prognosis in Singapore"

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Thank you for allowing me to review this article.

A well-written paper. Here are a few suggestions to improve the discussion section.

1. It's worth discussing the emotional barriers that could affect the intention to go for early breast cancer screening/help-seeking behaviours among women of different ethnicities (e.g., worry about knowing screening results, fear of undergoing screening procedure).
2. The barriers stated under the socio-economic sub-heading include misinformation on breast cancer (e.g., is it related to awareness and knowledge?), perceived negative outcomes from mammography (e.g., what are the negative outcomes?), and perceived costs of treatment, which should be explained with more supporting evidence.
3. Please accurately state the range/amount for household income to differentiate between ethnicities.
4. Under the cultural and religious beliefs sub-heading, we can discuss the use of traditional medicine/healers, which hinders screening and possibly delays getting treatment.
5. I think the following statements in the discussion need to be elaborated precisely as showing superficial evidence.
  - How much weight gain/BMI increases the risk of breast cancer among women?
  - How frequent and consumption of alcohol are risk factors for breast cancer?
  - How much of the percentage of Malay women have longer breastfeeding durations than Chinese women? How long does the duration of breastfeeding lead to a significantly lower risk of TNBC?
  - How much do consuming vegetables and fruits (servings per day or grams per day) differ among ethnicities, influencing breast cancer risk?
  - How much intake of curcumin has been shown to have notable antitumor effects? For example, each increment of 10 mg/day of soy isoflavone was associated with a 3% decreased breast cancer risk.