

### Supplementary data

**Table S1:** Description of the key words and expressions used by the BC women from the VICAN study (n=654) to recode the variables into 21 sequelae.

Sequelae	Keywords/expressions
Functioning	
Arm	Loss of hand sensitivity Numbness in the hands Arm disability Difficulty in raising the arm Difficulty carrying things Loss of strength in the arm Stiffness in the arm Hand swelling Oedema Reduced amplitudes
Other	Difficulty to move Back problem Muscular pain Breast sensitivity Impossible to bend down Difficulty in making an effort Shivers all the time Head spinning Recovery time Disability Overall loss of strength/legs I can no longer carry any weight Difficult to walk Without medication I can no longer walk Loss of motricity Heavy members Loss of energy I can no longer do the same physical activities as before
Pain	Pain Excruciating tingling Stab Suffering Sensitivity All the time bad
Esthetic	Scar Difference in breast volume/asymmetry Hair that doesn't grow back like it used to Breast deformity I can't look at myself in the mirror Skin colour problem (discolouration or darker skin) Loss of breast(s) Loss of nails Hair that is different Depigmentation Eyebrows that no longer grow back Mutilation
Psychological	Psychologically it's difficult Too much stress

	<p> Fear of relapse  Fear of dying  Worried about the future  Suicidal thoughts  Low morale  Declining confidence  I can't look at myself in the mirror  Difficulty in accepting the situation  Anxiety  Psychological sequelae  Difficult to live with  They don't spare me  Phantom breast  We think about illness every day  I feel abandoned  I often cry  Different life  Depression  I see things negatively  I can't forget what happened  Upheaval in life  No longer be like the others  Mutilation  Loneliness </p>
Gynecological	<p> Hot flush  Vaginal dryness  Burning sensations  Excessive perspiration  Gynecological problems </p>
Fatigue	<p> Fatigue  I need to rest often  I take naps  Lack of sleep </p>
Cognitive	<p> Concentration problem  Memory problem  Neurological trouble  I'm losing my mind </p>
Weight	<p> Put on weight  I have to pay attention to my figure </p>
Urinary	<p> Urinary infections </p>
Skin	<p> Skin reaction  Skin thickening  Skin burn  Dry skin </p>
Vision	<p> Vision problem  Loss of eyesight </p>
Digestive	<p> Digestion trouble  Bowel problems </p>
Respiratory	<p> Shortness of breath  Loss of breath </p>
Sleep	<p> Insomnia  I can no longer sleep  Fractioned sleep </p>
Sexual	<p> Difficult married life (sexually speaking) </p>

	Pain during sexual intercourse Loss of libido Difficult to have sex with one less breast Can no longer have children Sexual problem
Cardiac	Cardiac complications
Hearing	Inner ear problem I can no longer hear very well
Financial	I spend a lot of money on my care I can no longer work
Dental	
Other	Sense of smell Taste problems Burn in the mouth Gustative trouble Thyroid disturbance