

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 <u>Reduced amplitudes</u>
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

	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
Gynecological	Hot flush Vaginal dryness Burning sensations Excessive perspiration Gynecological problems
Fatigue	Fatigue I need to rest often I take naps Lack of sleep
Cognitive	Concentration problem Memory problem Neurological trouble I'm losing my mind
Weight	Put on weight I have to pay attention to my figure
Urinary	Urinary infections
Skin	Skin reaction Skin thickening Skin burn Dry skin
Vision	Vision problem Loss of eyesight
Digestive	Digestion trouble Bowel problems
Respiratory	Shortness of breath Loss of breath
Sleep	Insomnia I can no longer sleep Fractioned sleep
Sexual	Difficult married life (sexually speaking)

	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