**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.

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| 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 |
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