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Title of the Manuscript:	Factors Contributing to Delayed Breast Cancer presentation: A prospective study at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals, Harare, Zimbabwe 2010-2013.
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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Line 12-15: Too long sentence. Please consider use of punctuation marks or re-build small sentences. 2. Line 15 It should 'cut off point' instead of 'cut of point'. 3. Line 18 and 239: word 'respectively' should be deleted. 4. Cut off point is mentioned in Abstract but not in main article. 5. Line 17-18 and 238-239: Study is designed to find out cause of delayed presentation of breast cancer, not the predictors of breast cancer. Please correct text and tables accordingly and do not inter-mingle these two. Age at first pregnancy, Early menarche, late menopause etc. are mixed with low level of education, poverty etc. Aim of study must be clear, and so also Conclusion. 6. Line 17, 57-58, 185-186 and 238: National Cancer Institute clearly mentions that there is no increased risk of breast cancer in patients infected with HIV. https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/infectious-agents/hiv-fact-sheet Please confirm if your study shows any such relationship. Or if you studied about HIV status as cause of delayed presentation; then kindly mention clearly about result and explain the cause of delayed presentation. OR if you found no relationship between HIV status and delayed presentation, then kindly mention it clearly. 7. Similarly, explain the cause of delayed 	



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	<p>presentation in patients with family history of breast cancer; as it is assumed that in case of one sufferer in family, other family members would be more aware about it.</p> <p>8. It would be better if, in conclusion, you clearly mention relationship of each studied factor with delayed presentation (viz. Poverty and low level of education are associated with delayed presentation, Family history is associated with early presentation, HIV status is not related with time of presentation, etc.)</p> <p>9. It is assumed that statistical calculations are done correctly.</p> <p>10. Reference numbers 15 and 19 are missing in the article.</p>	
<p><u>Minor</u> REVISION comments</p>		
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>		

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