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PART 1:

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| Journal Name: | Journal of Cancer and Tumor International |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_JCTI_29757 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Factors Contributing to Delayed Breast Cancer presentation: A prospective study at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals, Harare, Zimbabwe 2010-2013. |
| Type of Article: | Original Research Article |

PART 2:

| FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any) | Authors' response to final evaluator's comments |
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| <p>The author has made attempts to improve paper quality- English comprehension is still an issue so I have tried to correct grammatical errors for most part and will attach tracked response. Many of the percentages do NOT add up and I will highlight further responses as follows: Line 75- only 1 figure should be used to illustrate late bc presentation. Grammar needs to be corrected in lines 127-128. References to lines 127 and 134 Text states delays considered $</>3/12$ but in table 6- no $<3/12$ figure noted. Table 6 adds up to 72 but 73 patients in study Line 204 should include other factors relating to delay and eliminate figure 8 – put into text. Lines 208-209- state 78% ulcerated mass- this does not correlate with table5 that separates out mass and ulceration. Line 205 and 206- numbers and percentages do not correlate! Lines 210-213 need rewrite as grammatical errors. Line 210- percentages and numbers do not add up correctly. Information pertaining to figure 8 is mentioned prior to figure 7. Line 214 should be rewritten as... the age range was from..... to Years with a mean of....., and% of patients were <35 years age. The decade breakdown figure of age is superfluous. Line 224- no italics required. Lines 228-231 are reiterating proceeding data/information. No text reference to table 7 and not required to put point across. Table 10- cell /column width need to be corrected, and improvement in data visualization/ depiction. Elimination of data that does not make an impact could help as table to too large. Line 250 refers to age- but what age- ? old/ young etc. Line 259-260 states a” large proportion of our population” but this is referenced by worldwide studies- should this be other studies? Line 262- refers to “this” population group but doesn’t mention before what population group. Lines 272-73 is not referenced re aggressive nature of HIV in bc – only noted later as HIV+ have delayed bc presentations. Line 39 states ulcerated mass 78% but table says mass 78%. Lines 49-50 could be incorporated into preceding statements. Line 149- states patients included were pre-op and followed up until operated on- elsewhere sit states patients included were who had been operated on during specified time period. Lines 197-199- numbers/ percentages incorrect- 37/53 is NOT 50.7%. Grammar not correct for lines 197-199. Line 196 states 30% within 3/12 but in table, delay in time period is 11/73</p> | |



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patients within 6/12
The errors in the percentages need to be corrected and all statistics reviewed to ensure no errors.
Eliminate figure 4 and put into text for stage 1 and 2 bc.
Eliminate figure 5 as in text.
Lines 193-195- numbers do not add up – 49/73 is not correctly calculated
Figure 6 should be presented as percentages rather than numbers.
Eliminate figure 9 and include information into text.

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