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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The authors should stress out that, in any case, mammography is a must for a number of reasons. It has been well established that with time, the noninvasive tumors in young women become invasive as they age. Tiny tumors are not palpable and therefore can make persons to weaken their awarness. Family history is very important. mammographic calcifications must be viewed with greater suspicion in young women. Calcifications in nonpalpable invasive cancers reflect high-grade adjacent DCIS. The authors must conclude in their discussion urging practitioners to ask from patients to give a detailed and honest family history record and to understand that self examination is the job to be done in the interval between mammograms	That is true. However we emphasized in the test that “ So far the only BC screening method that has proved to be effective is mammography screening which is very costly or cost-effective, feasible only in countries with good health infrastructure that can afford long-term organized population-based screening programs [13-15] Since in our case we are not concerned with mammography we do not feel comfortable to go beyond what we said; those who are interested in mammography can go to references given for more information. Many authors have reported on it. We avoid being partisan. Nevertheless ,we added this in the conclusion “The education will also address the importance of mammography at advanced ages since noninvasive tumors or undetectable nodules in young women become invasive as they age”. However we are not reporting on patients’ consultation, rather education of young pupils. We cannot conclude over patients, something we did not talk about or



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		examine. Sorry for that and we'll consider in coming work on hospitalized adult females.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	A well written interesting and useful report with important findings to alert doctors and patients	We agree