



## SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

### PART 1:

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Journal of Cancer and Tumor International</a>
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
<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.</p> <p>Many of the percentages do NOT add up and I will highlight further responses as follows:</p> <p>Line 75- only 1 figure should be used to illustrate late bc presentation.</p> <p>Grammar needs to be corrected in lines 127-128.</p> <p>References to lines 127 and 134</p> <p>Text states delays considered <math>&lt;/&gt;3/12</math> but in table 6- no <math>&lt;3/12</math> figure noted.</p> <p>Table 6 adds up to 72 but 73 patients in study</p> <p>Line 204 should include other factors relating to delay and eliminate figure 8 – put into text.</p> <p>Lines 208-209- state 78% ulcerated mass- this does not correlate with table5 that separates out mass and ulceration.</p> <p>Line 205 and 206- numbers and percentages do not correlate!</p> <p>Lines 210-213 need rewrite as grammatical errors.</p> <p>Line 210- percentages and numbers do not add up correctly.</p> <p>Information pertaining to figure 8 is mentioned prior to figure 7.</p> <p>Line 214 should be rewritten as... the age range was from..... to .... Years with a mean of....., and .....% of patients were <math>&lt;35</math> years age. The decade breakdown figure of age is superfluous.</p> <p>Line 224- no italics required.</p> <p>Lines 228-231 are reiterating proceeding data/information.</p> <p>No text reference to table 7 and not required to put point across.</p> <p>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 too large.</p> <p>Line 250 refers to age- but what age- ? old/ young etc.</p> <p>Line 259-260 states a” large proportion of our population” but this is referenced by worldwide studies- should this be other studies?</p> <p>Line 262- refers to “this” population group but doesn’t mention before what population group.</p> <p>Lines 272-73 is not referenced re aggressive nature of HIV in bc – only noted later as HIV+ have delayed bc presentations.</p> <p>Line 39 states ulcerated mass 78% but table says mass 78%.</p> <p>Lines 49-50 could be incorporated into preceding statements.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lines 197-199- numbers/ percentages incorrect- 37/53 is NOT 50.7%.</p> <p>Grammar not correct for lines 197-199.</p>	<p>Thank you</p> <p>Authors feel that the figures are showing different appearances of ulcerated bc and a non-ulcerated.</p> <p>Corrected by one of the reviewers (Sha), changes accepted</p> <p>Corrected, reference added see ref 46</p> <p>Table corrected</p> <p>1 was missing and authors, authors preferred to report the valid and not missing for accurate cross tabulation association</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected to mass</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected by another reviewer changes were accepted, mean not applicable for categorical ages may confuse readers</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected table 7 mentioned in the results text</p> <p>Table 10 improved</p> <p>Corrected other total columns removed</p> <p>Corrected “old age”</p> <p>The reference removed, referring to own study</p> <p>Referenced</p> <p>Corrected to mass</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Statement removed</p>



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Line 196 states 30% within 3/12 but in table, delay in time period is 11/73 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.