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| Journal Name:            | Journal of Cancer and Tumor International   |
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| 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 the Article      | Original Research Article   |

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## PART 1: Review Comments

|                              | Reviewer's comment  | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer,<br>correct the manuscript and highlight that part in<br>the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors<br>should write his/her feedback here) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | The manuscript seems not to address the reasons for<br>late presentation as stated in the objectives.<br>What are the variables collected in the data sheet?<br>Who collected them? What measure were put in place<br>to ensure uniformity?<br>The statistical presentation is too complicated and<br>difficult to understand or follow.<br>There are too many tables not addressing the<br>objective of identifying factors causing late<br>presentation.<br>There is no comparison of the findings with previous<br>works in African setting where late presentation is<br>common.<br>Please clarify the ethical issue:<br>Was permission of patients to use their<br>photographs sought? |  |
| Minor REVISION comments      | Why were the patients who refuse treatment excluded from the study?   |  |
| Optional/General comments    | The introduction is not discussing the problem of late presentation and it's possible causes.   |  |

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