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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8588-review.doc).

**Title:** Diagnosis and surgical management of breast cancer metastatic to the spine

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers
  - a. Reworded “prognosis of breast cancer has improved”
  - b. Added examples of neuroleptic medications for radicular pain such as gabapentin and pregabalin.
  - c. Added discussion on bone window settings on CT
  - d. Discussed spinal cord compression and vascular damage, leading to cord “stroke”
  - e. Discussed cytotoxic agents as breast cancer mainstay treatment
  - f. Discussed vitamin D and calcium administration along with bisphosphonates
  - g. Clarified the SINS scoring system with regards to bone lesion type (lytic, blastic, mixed)
  - h. Clarified that the Patchell et al. study did not stratify results by primary tumor type
3. References and typesetting were corrected

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We are pleased to resubmit our revised manuscript for consideration for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Oncology*. We would like to thank you and the reviewers for your helpful comments, which we feel has greatly enhanced the quality of the manuscript. Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

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