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Dear Dr. Dou,

Re: Ms # 52529

Can cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 inhibitors convert inoperable breast cancer relapse to operability? A case report by Michela Palleschi et al.

On behalf of my co-authors, I am returning the above manuscript, revised in accordance with the reviewer's comments. A point-by-point reply to all the issues raised is attached and all the modifications to the text are indicated in red.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer's comments

Abstract: Please add a last sentence to background section about what you will present in the text.

Reply: This has been done (page 3, lines 11-13).

Introduction: You should give more data about neoadjuvant therapy and also phase II study of palbociclib in breast cancer. In addition, please discuss the potential benefits of palbo over chemo in neoadjuvant setting (toxicity etc..)

Reply: Some comments on neoadjuvant therapy have been added to the Introduction (page 5, lines 5-7), while the potential benefits of palbociclib over chemotherapy have been outlined in the Discussion (page 8, lines 14-21).

The English structure of the manuscript should be re-checked. Please present the case in one paragraph, you don't have to split it into sections.

Reply: We followed journal guidelines for Case Reports, which require the text to be structured in sections.

How could you decide to give only tamoxifen, did you perform genetic analysis? Please add it to manuscript.

Reply: Our patient received both tamoxifen and an LHRH analog, as described in the Case Presentation (page 5, lines 24-27).

During follow-up how did you notice the supraclavicular LAP? During physical examination? Because MRI is not a routine imaging and if it is in your institution, discuss it in text.

Reply: During a follow-up visit the patient complained of pain in the right subclavicular area. A routine ultrasound scan detected the lesion and an MRI confirmed it. Both tests were performed at our institute which, as a cancer hospital and research center, has both diagnostic and therapeutic facilities.

After surgery, did you consult radiation oncology? It is a locoregional relapse and she didn't get radiation before.

Reply: This information was missing. We have added to the text that the patient is currently awaiting to start radiation therapy (page 7, line 19).

Discussion: Please add the references of ongoing studies from clinicaltrials.gov.

Reply: There are no ongoing studies dealing with this topic.

Language quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Reply: The text has been checked thoroughly by a native English speaker to eliminate typos and grammatical errors and improve readability.