

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

**Title:** Resection of the primary tumor in Stage IV breast cancer

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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 reviewer

(1) Authors discuss important topic related to resection of primary tumor in metastatic breast cancer patients. Manuscript is clearly and concisely written, however, in San Antonio breast cancer symposium one month ago, two important trials were reported that showed completely opposite results compared to retrospective analyses discussed in this manuscript. This article needs major revision and results of these trials need to be discussed in this manuscript. Major points: 1. Article needs major revision based on data presented in San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium 2013 - Abstracts presented by Badwe et al. (S2-02) and Soran et al. (S2-03)

: Thank you for very kindly and accurately comments. We improved our manuscript following your instructions. We added the sentence about results and discussion about two prospective studies which reported in SABCS 2013.

(2) The subject of the paper is very interesting. The results of recent trials presented on the subject should be taken into consideration and discussed in the paper.

: Thank you for your suggestion. We added the results and discussion about recent trials.

(3) Thank you for very kindly and accurately comments. We improved our manuscript following your instructions.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

Sincerely yours,

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