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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8527-review.doc).

**Title:** Current role of modern radiotherapy techniques in the management of 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 02510166;

- (1) The topic of hypofractionated whole breast radiotherapy and the summary of trials representing in Table 4 were included into the manuscript.

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 01191832;

- (1) Unfortunately, there is no adequate and long-term cardiotoxicity data related with modern radiotherapy techniques. Therefore, we cannot discuss that issue.
- (2) In randomized controlled trials of IMRT standard arm is 2D RT. Therefore, the term of non-IMRT was replaced with 2D RT in Table 2.
- (3) The most important ongoing trial (NSABP/RTOG 0413) related with APBI was mentioned in the first paragraph of the APBI trials section.

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 02352047;

- (1) We think that our definition of the word of modern is not ambiguous. This is a common term in our community to define recent techniques in radiation oncology, such as image-guided radiotherapy (IGRT), intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT) etc.
- (2) There is no clinical data in regard to IGRT and respiratory management. Therefore we did not discuss those issues in our clinical review. The issue of forward planning and inverse planning is a technical issue however our review was prepared for all clinicians working in the field of breast cancer, such as surgeons, medical oncologists, therefore we did not go into technical details.
- (3) The reviewer stated that the quality of our tables were poor. We did not agree with this statement. The quality of those tables is adequate as the other two reviewers did not find any problems. To our knowledge there are no detailed and concise tables such kind of other reviews.
- (4) Our review is not a book chapter; therefore we think that the number and the quality of the figures are informative and adequate in terms of such clinical review.
- (5) Radiation therapy was corrected as radiotherapy throughout the manuscript due to these words has same meaning.
- (6) Although schedule was used in only one time, it was corrected as regimen throughout the manuscript due to these words has same meaning.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gokhan Ozyigit', written in a cursive style.

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