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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7492-review.doc).

Title: The role of FDG PET-CT in evaluation of locoregional nodal disease for initial staging 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 reviewers:
 - (1). Use the full name of FDG PET/CT instead of the abbreviation in the abstract.
 - (2). Explain the main reason of false-negative FDG PET/CT for the axillary disease on the page 8. The sentences were added as "FDG PET/CT cannot replace SLNB or ALND due to unsatisfactory sensitivity. False-negative FDG PET/CT in the evaluation of the axillary disease is mainly secondary to small size of the lymph nodes. A negative scan cannot exclude micrometastasis in the axilla". False-positive is not a concern because of high specificity of FDG PET/CT for axillary staging.
 - (3). Add the Table 1 for the summary of the studies about the role of FDG PET/CT in axillary staging. The table for internal mammary node study is not generated due to limited data.
 - (4). Delete the figure 6 and figure legend accordingly.

All revisions are highlighted in the manuscript.

Thank you again for publishing my manuscript in World Journal of Clinical Oncology.

Sincerely,


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