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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: manuscript 14825.doc).

Title: Comparative Analysis of the-Effectiveness of Abiraterone before and after Docetaxel in Patients with Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

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

Format has been updated, reflecting the headline and sub-headlines requirements of the journal.

6 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer "00061154"

(1) The reviewer wanted the title change to reflect that we only used phase 3 trials and the chemotherapy was docetaxel, hence we have changed the title to **"Comparative Analysis of the-Effectiveness of Abiraterone before and after Docetaxel in Patients with Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer"**.

(2) The reviewer indicated that the word 'data' to be reflected in plural terms on page 7. So we changed "that was" to "were" similar grammar change was applied to "collected data" in the following sentence.

"Safety data ~~that was were~~ collected included the number of patients with: all- grade and high-grade cardiac disorders, all-grade and high-grade hypertension, all-grade and high-grade fluid retention and edema, all-grade and high-grade hypokalemia respectively. Collected data were entered into a Microsoft Excel sheet."

(3A) The reviewer indicated that the use of "however did not ascertain difference" was grammar appropriate in the second part of this sentence on page 12. We amended the sentence by including demonstratives in the sentence to improve the grammar structure. **"These results support the efficacy of abiraterone in metastatic CRPC; this however did not ascertain the differences in the pre-chemotherapy and post-chemotherapy settings."**

(4B) The reviewer indicated that the semicolon change to colon before CRPC, hence we changed the sentence from **"These results support the efficacy of abiraterone in metastatic CRPC;"** to **"These results support the efficacy of abiraterone in metastatic CRPC: "**.

(3B) The reviewer indicated that the use of a comma after the concessive clause "Even though" was grammar appropriate on page 13. We amended the sentence by including the punctuation. **"Even though, we did not appreciate a significant difference in OS, differences in validated clinical efficacy outcomes were seen."**

(4A) The reviewer that on page 15 the content describing the patho-physiological mechanism of the adverse

effect of abiraterone should be described in a separate paragraph. We amended the content by removing the connecting sentence "However, abiraterone is not devoid of adverse effects" and started the new paragraph describing the mechanism with the sentence **"Abiraterone inhibition of CYP-17 leads to an inhibition of both androgen and glucocorticoid synthesis, where the latter causes an elevation of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) and excess mineralocorticoid activity."**

(5) The reviewer that on page 17 indicated that we had used "accurate"-like word twice in the sentence "Our findings may be limited by sample size and the accuracy of individual RCTs to accurately assess primary and secondary outcomes that may affect our ability to discern differences in efficacy of abiraterone in the pre-chemotherapy and post-chemotherapy settings.". We amended the sentence by removing the word "accurately" from the sentence. The sentence reads as the following **"Our findings may be limited by sample size and the accuracy of individual RCTs to accurately assess primary and secondary outcomes that may affect our ability to discern differences in efficacy of abiraterone in the pre-chemotherapy and post-chemotherapy settings."**

The references and typesetting were corrected

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

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