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Dear Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma,

We have attached our revised manuscript entitled “Cancer Stem Cells and Early Stage Basal-like Breast Cancer”. We thank you again for inviting us to share our work with the readers of the World Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

This review is the authors original work, authors declare no conflict of interest.

**Title:** Cancer Stem Cells and Early Stage Basal-like Breast Cancer

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The format of the manuscript has been updated as requested by the editor.

### **Response to Reviewers**

We appreciate the positive and helpful comments from your invited reviewers. Only reviewer#00742373 provided suggestions to our review. The following is our response to reviewer's suggestions:

#### **Reviewer's code: 00742373**

**Suggestion:** The reviewer has noticed the discussion of the prognosis of cancer stem cells and basal like DCIS, at the same time we suggest to add the discussion of factors inhibit the development of stem cells, resistances of the chemotherapy, and tumor tolerance in the biomolecular level.

**Response:** We appreciate the Reviewer's helpful suggestions. We have revised the manuscript in accordance with reviewer's suggestions.

1. The added discussion in the text with regard to mechanisms for chemotherapeutic resistance and tumor tolerance has been highlighted.
2. The previous version of the review already included the discussion of positive and negative factors to regulate cancer stem cells (CSC).
3. We highlighted the text with regard to negative factors (miR-140 and SIM2s) for CSC development.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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