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Title: Analysis 18F-FDG PET/CT Scans of Breast Cancer patients: Initial Translational Study to Evaluate Link Between Brown Adipose Tissue and Breast Cancer

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Dear BCR Editorial Team,

Please find attached revisions made to the manuscript entitled, “Analysis 18F-FDG PET/CT Scans of Breast Cancer patients: Initial Translational Study to Evaluate Link Between Brown Adipose Tissue and Breast Cancer” initially submitted on May 31st.

The revised version responds to the 2 matters raised by the editorial team on June 4, 2013.

BCR Editorial: Please clearly confirm that you had all necessary consent from any patients involved in the study, including consent to participate in the study and consent to publish, where appropriate. If no consent was needed, please clearly state this in the Methods section.

L.Jones response: This is a retrospective, chart/medical record review study which was UM IRB approved and for which consent was felt not to be necessary by the IRB, patients were undergoing their PETCT scans as part of routine standard of care staging and no changes to standard of care were made. All investigators were CITI and HIPAA trained as required by the UM IRB.

BCR Editorial: Please ensure all authors meet all three authorship requirements and that this is reflected in the Authors Contributions section of your manuscript.

L.Jones response: I confirm the all authors have made substantial contributions to conception and design, or acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; 2) have been involved in drafting the manuscript or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and 3) have given final approval of the version to be published.

These changes have also been reflected in the manuscript. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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