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Dear Dr. Kidd,

Thank you for your kind letter of December 16, 2014 regarding our manuscript MS: 6754927031512320 Solitary uterine metastasis of invasive lobular carcinoma after adjuvant endocrine therapy: a case report.

We are sending the revised manuscript and our responses to the reviewer comments.

We hope that these responses and explanations are satisfactory. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Akitoshi Nakashima

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Prevalence of breast cancer is the highest in Japanese women since 1999. Additionally, incidence rates of tumors classified as invasive lobular is also increasing recently. The authors reported a patient with a uterine metastasis of the cancer. This provided important information to clinicians. It is well known that breast cancer is the most frequent extravagal origin of metastasis to the uterine corpus, but invasive lobular carcinoma of breast cancer is not well known to spread more frequently to gynecologic organs than other types in gynecologists. In regard to this point, this paper is worth publishing.

Comments;

The authors suspected the uterine tumor a metastasis of breast cancer from the past history and the elevated tumor markers prior to the operation. Since it was impossible to obtain the tissue sample in uterus prior to the operation, the systematic examinations, such as CT and PET-CT, did not deny the possibility of other tumors like uterine sarcoma. You would better to mention other possible diagnoses before the hysterectomy.

While our highest suspicion was for metastatic breast cancer in this patient, a primary
uterine neoplasm could not be ruled out before surgery. We added the following statement regarding the preoperative diagnosis to the manuscript:

“The patient underwent total abdominal hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy with the diagnosis of uterine malignancy, although it was unknown whether the tumor was primary or metastatic.”

Page 6, L16; delete “our experience with”.

Change made as requested by the reviewer.

Page 9, L5; “since 2 year ago” should be changed to “since the previous examination 2 years prior”.

Change made as requested by the reviewer.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**
'I declare that I have no competing interests.'
Reviewer's report

Title: Solitary uterine metastasis of invasive lobular carcinoma after adjuvant endocrine therapy: a case report

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Reviewer: Dorothy Gujral

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting report of an unusual presentation of metastatic breast cancer. The report is well written, but there are some grammatical errors that need to be addressed prior to publication, especially in the second half of the manuscript.

The manuscript has undergone professional editing by a native English-speaking physician.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests