

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17304-review.doc and Response to reviewer (WJSP).

Title: Versatility of therapeutic reduction mammoplasty in oncoplastic breast conserving surgery.

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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 reviewer

- (1) In the "Patients and methods" section, the authors did not set up a control group. So, please add a control group to explain why the method is better than others

The aim of the work was to communicate our experience with reduction mammoplasty technique as surgical approach to treat breast cancer conservatively. Our study is an observational case series (1) without control group, therefore some limitations must be accepted but, honestly, we think that our main goal which was to show the versatility of this technique in this context has been clearly demonstrated. We do not attempt to say that other approach would have been worse than therapeutic mammoplasty or vice versa; it is said that one of the characteristic of oncoplastic breast conserving surgery is that usually there are several options for surgical treatment and many factors such surgeons preferences and conditions of tumors and patients play an important role in the indication. 1. Distinguishing cases series from cohort studies. Dekkers OM, Egger M, Altman DC, Vandenbroucke JP. Ann Intern Med 2012, 156:37-40.

- (2) Please revise the form of tables in the manuscript

Following your recommendations we added another table 2

- (3) The figure legends are not found in the text, please add them

We added figure legends in the text, some flaws were caused by transformation words to PDF

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Surgical Procedures*.

Sincerely yours,

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