Author's response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Hans Zauner,

Thank you very much for your letter of Feb. 1, 2010, with regard to our manuscript (MS: 7290476972927319) together with the comments from the four reviewers. Herewith, I am sending you a file of our revised manuscript. (Pages 1-32 have been retyped.), after we corrected the minor revisions pointed out by two reviewers as your instruction. Also, our manuscript has been checked by native speaker again. We appreciate your valuable comments very much. And we appreciate Dr. Hans Spangenberg and Dr.Giovanni Tarantino for valuable messages.

Our incorporation of the reviewers’ suggestions is as follows:

**Reviewer: Dr. Patrizia Pontisso**

**Reviewer's report:**

Minor points:

Results section (Pag 9, line 9): the number of the figure (Fig 2) might refer to Figure 5 (or table 1?)

Page 10, line 6: spelling error (different instead of differently).

**Answer:**

Page 9, line 9: We corrected “Figure 2” to “Figure 1”. Because this description that reviewer pointed out is derived from Figure 1.

Page 10, line 6: We corrected “differently” to “different”, as pointed out.

**Reviewer: Dr. Michael Grusch**

**Reviewer's report:**

Minor revisions:

1) Page 9, line 13 replace "with only with" by "only with", line 15 replace "tumor number of tumor" with "number of tumors" or "tumor number". "TUNNEL" in Fig. 6
and "Results" section should be "TUNEL" as in the "Materials and Methods" section.

Answer:
Page 9, line 13: We replaced "with only with" by "only with" according to the reviewer’s instruction.
Page 9, line 15: We replaced "tumor number of tumor" with "number of tumors"
Fig 6: We corrected “TUNNEL” to “TUNEL”.
Result section: page 11, line 20 and page 12, line 1: We corrected “TUNNEL” to “TUNEL”.
Legend (figure 6): We corrected “TUNNEL” to “TUNEL”.
We appreciate this review very much.

I believe the manuscript has been improved satisfactorily for publication in BMC Gastroenterology.

Best regards,

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