Author's response to reviews

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Dear Dr Phillips,

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to thank you for your review of our manuscript The added value of using mutational profiling in addition to cytology in diagnosing aggressive pancreaticobiliary disease: review of clinical cases at a single center, and the invitation to submit a revised manuscript.

We have considered the editorial board’s comments and have addressed each one in point-by-point responses below, which identify the changes made in the revised manuscript.

We believe that the revised manuscript is improved with the changes made and additional information included, and we hope that you will now find it acceptable for publication in BMC Gastroenterology.

We will be pleased to address any additional questions that may arise, and look forward to your decision.

Sincerely yours,

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RESPONSES TO EDITORIAL BOARD’S COMMENTS

1. Please include in line 62 the full name of the Institutional Review Board that approved the study.

   Response: This sentence (lines 62-65) has been updated to include the full name of the Institutional Review Board that approved the study.

2. The manuscript needs a conclusion section; if the paragraph from line 276 is your conclusion please give it the heading ‘Conclusion’.

   Response: The paragraph starting at line 278 was given a heading to signify that it is the conclusion section.