Author's response to reviews

Title: Microdissection: A method developed to investigate mechanisms involved in transmission spongiform encephalopathy pathogenesis

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PDF covering letter
Dear Dr Gadd

Please find the final manuscript.

We would like to thank Dr Sklaviadis for reviewing the paper for a second time and appreciate the time and effort he has given to the review process.

The changes made at this point are mainly grammatical and the Editors comments on formatting were followed.

The list of changes are as follows;

**Formatting Changes**
Moved Abstract to Page 2
Removed all unnecessary capitalisation
Corrected reference 9 to include all authors (was downloaded from PubMed) and reference 24 to include missing author.
Checked spacing and spelling.
Figure Headings – double spaced all figure headings and changed font on Figure 4 heading
Changed all ‘Western Blotting’ to lower case
Page 2 –‘Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies’ – changed to lower case

**Word Changes**
Page 9        Re-arranged sentence in Section 2.3.4 taking 6H4 out of brackets
Page 9        In Gel Systems placed ‘SDS buffers’ in brackets and made new sentence explaining the protein standard.
Page 10       Inserted ‘and’ in 2nd sentence
Page 10       Section 2.4.1 inserted ‘out’ and deleted 6H4 primary antibody(described in later sentence)
Page 11       Inserted sentence ‘A scoring system denotes the presence of PrPSc’
Page 13       In Conclusions deleted ‘twice’ from sentence describing PrPSc distribution

This completes the changes made from the last submission.

Yours sincerely

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