Author's response to reviews

Title: Genotype-phenotype correlations among BRCA1 4153delA and 5382insC mutation carriers from Latvia

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Dear Editor,

In this covering letter we have described the revisions performed in this version of the manuscript.

Reviewer: Minor revisions (we can make these changes for you, although it will speed up publication of your manuscript if you do them while making the major changes above)

Reviewer: Highlighting/tracking: Please remove all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.

Author: All highlighting and tracking were removed.

Reviewer: Methods: Please change the title "Patients and methods" to "methods"

Author: The title was changed.

Reviewer: Tables: please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables

Author: The visible vertical lines were removed

Reviewer: Figures: Please remove the "Page 1" from the figure files

Reviewer: Figures: It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the
Author: We have some problems with cropping of these pdf files, because this operation significantly decreases the quality of the pictures. We therefore would like to ask Biomedcentral to perform this step for us.

Reviewer: Typography: Please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions. This is the final proofing stage for your manuscript, and you will not be able to make any changes after acceptance.

Author: We have checked the manuscript for errors and several corrections have been made in this version of the manuscript (see below). However we do not have proofreading services and we assume that some typographical errors can be found in this version of the manuscript. We therefore would like to ask Biomedcentral to perform this step for us.

The following changes have been made in this version of the manuscript:

The following phrase has been removed from the paragraph 2 of methods (because it already has been transferred to the paragraph1): The study was approved by the Ethical Committee of Riga Stradins University. All participants signed informed consent forms for participation in this study.

The following sentence has been included to Methods: Oestrogen receptor (ER), progesterone receptor (PR) and HER2/neu expression status was assessed using a standard immunohistochemical technique.

The following changes have been made to tables:
Table 1: N-positive has been changed to Axillary node-positive
Table 2: c.4034delA and c.5266dupC has been added to the name of the table
Table 4: The phrase Cancer Familial Aggregation has been removed from row 4
Table 5: The name of several cancer sites has been corrected

Yours sincerely,
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