Author’s response to reviews

Title: Association between mutation of the NF2 gene and monosomy 22 in menopausal women with sporadic meningiomas.

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Dear Prof Maurizio Genuardi (or Mr Ervin Cenzon),

Please find enclosed a revised version of the manuscript # MS: 2115712779102704 “Association between mutation of the NF2 gene and monosomy 22 in menopausal women with sporadic meningiomas” by Tabernero et al, which has been modified according to the additional considerations of the Editor and attached you will also find a point-by-point list of the answers, indicating the specific changes introduced in the new revised version of the paper.

We hope in its present format, the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Medical Genetics.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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Point-by-point description of the changes

Editor’s comments:

Comment 1.- Why only NF2 mutations previously identified as germline were investigated in peripheral blood? The other ones, even if not previously associated with type 2 neurofibromatosis, might occur in the germline as well. If the other patients are not available for analysis of the NF2 gene in peripheral blood, I would suggest to simply delete reference to the search for constitutional mutations, since anyway this is not so relevant to the main aim of the study.

Answer to comment 1.- The manuscript has been carefully revised and modified according to the editor’s comment. Reference to the search for constitutional mutations has been deleted in material and method section (page 5 and 6) an in the result section (page 7).

Comment 2.- “a minor correction to do on page 10: "other mechanisms e.g. rearrangements identifiable by MPLA and other technics, ?" should be changed into "other mechanisms e.g. rearrangements identifiable by MPLA and other techniques, ?"

Answer to comment 2.- Following the indication of the Editor, the sentence in page 10 has been modified as suggested.

Comment 3.- “Please italicize gene symbols, especially in the parts that were added/changed (shown in red).”

Answer to comment 3.- The italic gene symbols indicated by the Editor have been changed as suggested.