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1. **Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)**

References: Please make sure references are cited in numerical order. We notice reference 1 is not cited within the main text. Please make sure references continue to be cited in numerical order once this reference is cited.

   *Answer: We adapted the citation order. Further changes see below.*

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Manuscript was checked by three of the authors. The following changes were made:

Whole document: “tumor” changed to “tumour”, document was checked for use of British English, typographical corrections were made.

Page 1: Institute for Surgical Pathology
Page 4: Order of citations was adapted. In addition, two references were deleted due to lack of relevance and citation 11-15 were put into the correct order.
Page 11 line 1: “formation” was replaced by “composition”

We hope that we fulfilled all necessary changes. Please let us know if we can further support the editing process.