**Author's response to reviews**

**Title:** Centrosome clustering and cyclin D1 gene amplification in double minutes are common events in chromosomal unstable bladder tumors

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**Author's response to reviews:** see over
Dear editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript “Centrosome clustering and Cyclin D1 gene amplification in double minutes are common events in chromosomal unstable bladder tumors” by del Rey et al.

We thank the reviewers for the thorough evaluation of the paper and their helpful comments. Minor essential revisions suggested by the reviewer 1 have been addressed in the second revised version of the manuscript. Manuscript has been also revised by a native English speaker and by the language advisory and translation unit at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

The changes made to the manuscript are described below and they are also indicated in the text. We have also detected a typing error in Table 1 of the revised manuscript. In stage/grade column, the grade of high CIN group tumors appears as G4, G5, G6, G7, G8 and G9, instead of G3, G3, G3, G3, G2, G2. This mistake has been solved.

We look forward to your replay,

Sincerely yours,

Rosa Miró, PhD
Reviewer's report
Title: Centrosome clustering and cyclin D1 gene amplification in double minutes are common events in chromosomal unstable bladder tumors
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Reviewer: Anne Kiltie
Reviewer's report:

The paper is much improved. I am happy for the Kaplan-Meier curves not to be included in the paper. I accept the argument for the low numbers of patients studied, in view of the time-consuming nature of the work.

Minor essential revisions

1. The p value in the abstract should be quoted as p<0.001 (and again in the Results section)

   The p value has been quoted as p<0.001 in the abstract and in the results section.

2. Line 4 of paragraph 1 in the Methods section needs ‘except for one’ removed

   The sentence “All except for one were superficial or minimally invasive tumors” has been substituted by “All tumors were superficial or minimally invasive”

3. Results paragraph 6: should it not be 16 of 21, not 17 of 21?

   We apologize for the mistake. It has been changed in the text.

4. Discussion paragraph 5: the definition of ‘lagging’ needs to be explicitly stated

   Definition of chromosome lagging has been added in the text.

5. There are some occasional faults with the English language and the manuscript would benefit from being read once corrected by a native English speaker.

   Manuscript has been revised by native English speaker and by the language advisory and translation unit at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.