Author's response to reviews

Title: Anaemia and thrombocytopenia in patients with prostate cancer and bone metastases

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Submission of the revised manuscript “Anaemia and thrombocytopenia in patients with prostate cancer and bone metastases”

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I would like to submit - on behalf of all authors - the revised version of our manuscript. The thoughtful comments provided by the reviewers are greatly appreciated. One of the reviewers requested revisions, which have led to the following changes.

Reviewer: Bruce Trock

Major compulsory:

1. We have added a new figure (Figure 4), which confirms the better prognosis of patients who maintained Hb ≥10 g/dL. The Results section has also been modified.

2. We evaluated 2 cut-points (median Hb and Hb <12 g/dL). Bonferroni correction has been added (Results section).

3. All treatment-induced events were reversible. We have changed the Methods section to describe the focus of the study more clearly.

Minor essential:

4. The term “delayed” has been removed and “metachronous” has been used consistently.

5. These results refer to the median Hb. We have modified the Results section accordingly.

Discretionary:

6. We have modified several paragraphs of the Discussion section.

7. We have changed the titles.
Please contact us, if any additional revisions should be necessary.

Sincerely,

Carsten Nieder, M.D.