Author's response to reviews

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To
The Editorial Board of *BMC Cancer*

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Dear Editor,

I am sending for publication to your distinguished Journal the revised manuscript entitled: *“Decreased Hsp90 expression in infiltrative lobular carcinoma: an immunohistochemical study.”*

We have made all the revisions indicated by your distinguished Reviewers and have coloured them in RED throughout the manuscript. Please find a point-to-point reply in the next pages.

Yours sincerely,

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"Thank you for your email regarding the concerns of the reviewers. Please do accept our sincere apologies for the delay in our response but your file was passed onto the Medical editor. We have noticed that you have since submitted a revised manuscript, however, we would like to give you the opportunity to revise your manuscript again to address the concerns as suggested by the Medical editor."

-We would like to thank you for this opportunity. Please find below some minor changes made in the manuscript as indicated by the Medical Editor.

“Our Medical editor suggested that you fully address the concerns of Referee 3, which seem to have already been addressed in the recently revised manuscript.”

-We would like to thank you for this encouraging comment concerning the appropriateness of our reply to Referee 3.

“However, further advice on these revisions is still required. It was also suggested that you could keep the LN data and do not need to provide the further data requested by Reviewer 4, however, you do need to clearly discuss the issues about the need for follow-up studies and the small sample size as limitations.”

-We would like to thank you for this insightful remark, which allowed us to dialectically present this important limitation of our study. The respective comment has been added in the revised manuscript (Discussion, paragraph 7, lines 2-5)

“and you would need to provide a more thorough discussion of how the results relate to the findings reported in your previous BMC Cancer article.”

-We would like to thank you for this remark. We believe that the present study expands the results of the previous immunohistochemical study. The present study, together with the previous one in BMC Cancer, uncovers an Hsp90 expression pattern (relative decrease) which seems applicable to the whole continuum of lobular lesions and may be thus revealing of an inherent trend of the whole breast lobular series. The respective statements have been added in the revised manuscript (Discussion, paragraph 4, lines 1-2, 5-7).

“You seem to have already removed the LN data from your manuscript but you can now decide how you would like to proceed with this data.”

-We would like to thank you for this opportunity. Nevertheless, we decided to follow the comment by Referee 4 and maintain the manuscript at its most recent form (i.e., with the LN data removed). We made this decision so as to avoid any inconvenience during the Review Process.

“Please could you also clarify the reasons for the change in the author list?”

-We would like to thank you for this remark. Dr. Anastasia Pazaiti has been added in the author list, as she performed vacuum-assisted breast biopsy and open surgery and critically revised the manuscript for important scientific content. We believe that her scientific contribution especially during the revision process suggests that she should be included as a co-author.