Author’s response to reviews

Title: The INSIG2 rs7566605 polymorphism is not associated with body mass index and breast cancer risk

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Dear Editor,

please find here enclosed the revised version of the article entitled: The INSIG2 rs7566605 polymorphism is not associated with body mass index and breast cancer risk. We provide here a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ questions.

I hope that our manuscript, in the present form, will be suitable for publication in BMC Cancer and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards.

Federico Canzian
Reviewer 1: Tanya Agurs-Collins  
**Reviewer’s comments:**  
The authors addressed the concerns raised in previous review.  
No response required.

**Introduction Section:** Suggest to add reference(s) to following sentence- [In particular, the evidence that body fatness is a cause of postmenopausal breast cancer (BC) is convincing ( )].  
We have added a reference, as suggested.

**Methods Section:** Authors should discuss how they defined premenopausal, perimenopausal and premenopausal status (at what age, etc).  
Definition of menopausal status was based on questionnaire data collected at baseline. We have added a sentence to the Methods section to clarify this point.

Reviewer 2: Niloufar (Neely) Kazerouni  
**Reviewer’s comments:**  
Under the discussion section, one paragraph before the last, please change addictive model to "additive" model.  
Done. Thank you for spotting this typo.

**Editorial requests:**  
Consent - Please state whether written consent was obtained from the patients or their relatives for publication of study.  
Done.

Competing interests - Please include a 'Competing interests' section between the Conclusions and Authors' contributions. If there are none to declare, please write 'The authors declare that they have no competing interests'.  
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