Author's response to reviews

Title: Chemokine mediated distribution of dendritic cell subsets in renal cell carcinoma

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Dear Editor,

thank you very much for considering our manuscript for publication in “BMC Cancer.” Please find below the list of corrections for reviewer Teresa Cabrera as recommended. All points of criticism have been taken into account. Concerning the editorial comment a statement of the informed consent for the use of the patient tissues samples has been included in the Method section (see page 5, first paragraph, line 12).

Yours sincerely,

Peter Middel

List of Corrections for reviewer Teresa Cabrera:

1. point of criticism: The study by Troy et al., The Journal of Urology, Vol. 161, Pages 1962-1967 has been cited as recommended (page 14, last paragraph, line 3; new reference 48, page 25)

2. point of criticism: The discussion has been significantly shortened for about one page and focused (page 13).

3. point of criticism: Table 1 has been updated; CCL19 has been changed to MIP-3β, CCL20 has been changed to MIP-3α, and CCL21 has been changed to SLC. The antibodies anti-CD4 and anti-Ki67 (Mib) have been included in the table 1.

4. point of criticism: Additional information concerning the species of the antibodies has also been included in table 1.

5. point of criticism: Reference 14 (page 21) was corrected. Reference number 41 has changed to the new reference number 43 and has also been corrected (page 25).
6. point of criticism: Since we found no correlation concerning tumour grading or staging and the amount of mature/immature DC infiltration in RCCs, the text passage concerning the Thoenes criteria of nuclear grading and the UICC TNM system has been removed from the Materials and Methods section (page 5, first paragraph, line 7).

7. point of criticism: Informations concerning the manufacturer of IHC Detection system has been included (page 5, second paragraph, lines 2 and 3).

8. point of criticism: Additional professional copyediting has been performed on the revised text.