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Dear Editor,

thank you for your letter and for the positive evaluation of our manuscript #8093672529420711: "Mutually exclusive expression of DLX2 and DLX5/6 is associated with the metastatic potential of the human breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-231" by Morini M., Astigiano S., Gitton Y., Emionite L., Mirisola V., Levi G. and myself.

Please find enclosed the new version of this manuscript, which we have modified as requested.

**Board:** Before acceptance, we need to ask you to include the name of the institution which gave ethical approval for your study in the manuscript text.

**RE:** We added the information requested in the Method section 2.4 (page 7): “Samples were kindly provided by Prof. L. Mastracci (Dipartimento di Discipline Chirurgiche, Anestesiologiche, Morfologiche e Metodologie Integrate, Università di Genova, Italy) through the GTB (Genoa Tissue Bank). Written informed consent was obtained from all patients and approved by the S. Martino Hospital’s Ethical Committee, Genova, Italy.”

**Referee #4:** There was only one minor comment in my previous review. It has been appropriately addressed by the authors. So I do not have any further comments.

**RE:** We thank the reviewer for his positive evaluation.

Sincerely Yours,

Ottavia Barbieri