Author's response to reviews

Title: Prognostic significance of IL-6 and IL-8 ascites levels in ovarian cancer patients

Authors:

Denis Lane (denis.lane@usherbrooke.ca)
Isabelle Matte (isabelle.matte@usherbrooke.ca)
Claudine Rancourt (claudine.rancourt@usherbrooke.ca)
Alain Piché (alain.piche@usherbrooke.ca)

Version: 3 Date: 19 May 2011

Author's response to reviews: see over
Thursday, May 19 2011

BMC Cancer
Editorial office

Please find enclosed a copy of our revised manuscript entitled “Prognostic significance of IL-6 and IL-8 ascites levels in ovarian cancer patients” for consideration in BMC Cancer.

This represents original work and has not been published or submitted elsewhere for publication. All authors are aware of the contents and are in agreement with its resubmission. The minor changes required by the reviewer in the discussion section have been included in the revised manuscript and highlighted in yellow.

Response to the reviewer’s comments

Reviewer 1: The author could include the role of anti-IL6 therapeutic options in the discussion

Response: As suggested by the reviewer, we have included a brief discussion on this topic was included in the revised manuscript: lines 197 to 212. Related references on this topic have been added to revised manuscript.

Reviewer 2: It would be also worthwhile if the authors could speculate on the role of immune system in combination with IL6 production and possible influence on new targeted immunotherapies.

Response: We also included a brief discussion on this topic in the revised manuscript: lines 212-218. Several references have also been included.

We appreciate the careful review of our manuscript provided by the Editors and the reviewers.

Yours sincerely,

Alain Piché M.D, M.Sc.
Associate professor
Dept Microbiologie et Infectiologie
Université de Sherbrooke
Québec, Canada