Author's response to reviews

Title: Efficacy of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor targeting in advanced chordoma: case report and literature review

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Dear Editor,

Please, find enclosed a revised version of our paper by Launay et al entitled “Efficacy of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor targeting in advanced chordoma: case report and literature review”, that we have submitted for publication to BMC Cancer as a Case Report.

We thank the three reviewers and your editorial board for the helpful comments that have been taken into account as follows.

**Editorial Comments:**
This manuscript is of major importance for all physicians seeing patients with chordoma and currently being left with few treatment options. The extensive clinical, radiological, pathological and molecular details given are making this report exceptional.

The manuscript is suitable for publication after minor essential revisions:
1) consider linguistic editing: sentences such as "responses concerned local relapses...and lasted a long time" for example, should be rephrased.

English editing of the whole paper has been done by Rebecca Tagett, an American woman that we have added in the Acknowledgments.

2) references for previous reports of EGFR inhibitors in chordoma should be cited in the case presentation (they only appear in the discussion)

The three previous have been introduced in the case presentation on line 9, page 6 (PP).

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We have deleted the key words.
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No problem with that.

We hope this revised version will meet your final approval. Thank you for your help and consideration in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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