Dear Sirs,

we kindly appreciate the reviewers positive questions and minor remarks. Since they were quite stimulating, we have included all their comments into the manuscript and have given a point by point return. Thus we hope, that it can now be accepted.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to mail again. We would be grateful if you would consider the manuscript for publication in BMC Cancer and look forward to receiving your decision.

Yours sincerely

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