Author’s response to reviews

Title: DNA damage response and DNA repair - dog as a model?

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Dear Editor Dr. Solera

Please find enclosed our re-written manuscript for submission in BMC cancer (“debates”), summarizing current new insights and challenges to use the dog as a model for DNA-damage repair research. The title of our manuscript is: “DNA damage response and DNA repair – dog as a model?”.

Upon your recommendation from June 7th, we revised the manuscript with strong focus on making it more concise and to the point. References and passages rendering the manuscript more to a review-type document were excluded, leading to a much shorter and more compact version.

With this new version, we are convinced to match the format of a debate article, believing that this publication will serve other researchers as a guideline for their studies in this field and stimulate new discussions in this important field of translational cancer research.

All authors have made substantial contributions to the manuscript and approve the submitted version. The manuscript, including related data and figures has not been published previously and is not under consideration elsewhere. We also enclose a list of potential reviewers who are experts in this field of research. The paper is relating to the editorial policies of the journal.

We thank you for considering our manuscript for the peer-review process of BMC cancer.

Respectfully, Carla Rohrer Bley