Author's response to reviews

Title: A lactate shuttle system between tumour and stromal cells is associated with poor prognosis in prostate cancer

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Dear Editor,

We are grateful for the opportunity to resubmit our Manuscript entitled “A lactate shuttle system between tumour and stromal cells is associated with poor prognosis in prostate cancer”, Ms. 2369854151138229. We have considered the reviewer’s comments and have made the suggested changes.

Our detailed response to the reviewers’ comments is attached below.

We look forward to hearing from you again soon with your final decision.

Yours sincerely,

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In reply to Reviewer Judith J Jans:

I thank the authors for changing the manuscript and considering the comments. I would, however, like to urge the authors to incorporate the comments 3 & 4: In particular comment 4: I still believe discussing these non-significant data is too suggestive. Also in light of multiple testing. In addition, no statistical testing on (in)dependence of MCT1/4 and pT staging was performed. Without this, the (suggestive!) claim of MCT1/4 correlation with recurrence risk can not be made.

R: In reply to comment 3, we had already removed the discussion on PDK1. Concerning the previous comment 4, on the correlation between MCT1/4 and biochemical recurrence, we have also removed it from the results, since there was only a tendency but no significant correlation.

In reply to Reviewer Céline Pinheiro:

Minor Essential Revision The letter p, when referring to statistical significance, should be in italic.

R: As requested, the “p” letters of statistics are now in italic.