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Professor Stephen P. Povoski
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Dear Professor Povoski,

We thank you and the reviewers of *BMC Cancer* for taking time to review our article. We have carefully read the comments and tried to respond to the best of our abilities.

**Editorial's Request:**

1. Please clarify whether your study was prospective or retrospective, in your abstract, you state that 123 female patients were enrolled,’ which suggests your study is prospective. Please clarify the retrospective nature of your study.

   Thank you for the comment. Corrections have been made according to your comment.

2. Please could you clarify whether you obtained consent from the patients next of kin to use the image in figure 4, if you did not receive consent from the next of kin, please ensure you anonymize the figure legend by removing any identifying information.

   Thank you. We ensure that there is not any identifying information about the patient.

3. We recommend that you ask a native English speaking colleague to help you copyedit the paper.

   Thank you. We checked and revised the manuscript once again by a professional native English-speaking editor.

We deeply appreciate the careful reviews and hope that this revision is acceptable for your journal.

Sincerely,

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