Author's response to reviews

Title: Upregulation of Claudin-4, CAIX and GLUT-1 in distant breast cancer metastases

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Dear Editor,

First of all we would like to thank you for reviewing the manuscript “Upregulation of Claudin-4, CAIX and GLUT-1 in distant breast cancer metastases” by Laura S Jiwa et al for publication in BMC Cancer, after altering the manuscript according to the reviewer’s comments and advised revisions. Herewith we would like to reply to the small revisions according to the reviewers and Associated Editor feedback.

Minor revisions:

1. Abstract- Please rename "Purpose" as "Background".
   We have replaced ‘purpose’ by ‘background’ accordingly.

2. We note that you specify that according to Dutch legislation secondary use of human tissue, does not require ethics approval and specific consent. You previously clarified that you had not receive an exemption from your institutional review board and therefore please modify the following statement: "Use of anonymous or coded left over material for scientific purposes is part of the standard treatment contract with patients and therefore informed consent procedure and ethical approval was not required according to our institutional medical ethical review board."

   to

   "Use of anonymous or coded left over material for scientific purposes is part of the standard treatment contract with patients and therefore informed consent procedure was not required according to (you can include the name and link to the legislation here).

   This sentence has been altered accordingly.

3. In addition, please could you include an English link to the Dutch legislation which supports your claim that Ethics approval and consent is not required for the secondary use of human tissue.

   An English link of the website for Dutch legislation has been added in the manuscript.

4. Please include individual author contributions for each author as per our guidelines.

   The individual author contributions have been added to the corresponding section in the manuscript.

We sincerely hope we modified the manuscript to your satisfaction and that the manuscript is now properly adjusted for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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