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,

We would like to thank you for the last suggestion regarding 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. Hereby we would like to reply to this small recommendation.

Minor revision:

You mention:

"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 our institutional medical ethical review board 12."

- You previously clarified that you did not approach your institutional review board regarding waiving ethics approval or consent, so please remove "according to our institutional review board." In addition, please remove reference 12. This appears to be a debate on consent for leftover body material rather than a reference to legislation.

We recommend you restructure your ethics statement as follows:

Use of anonymous or coded left over material for scientific purposes is part of the standard treatment contract with patients and therefore ethics approval and informed consent was not required according to Dutch legislation (Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act, http://www.ccmoonline.nl/main.asp?pid=10&sid=30&ssid=51 and http://www.ccmo.nl/en/).

Thank you for this proposition. It has been altered in the manuscript accordingly.

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

Yours sincerely,

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