Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

In relation to the manuscript 1398630894756530 - "Characterization of human malignant mesothelioma cell lines orthotopically implanted in the pleural cavity of immunodeficient mice for their ability to grow and form metastasis", by myself et al., here is a reply to the critiques of the reviewer on a point by point basis.

First of all we thank the BioMed Central Editorial Production Team for your help and attention.

Amir Onn:

The authors responded to my previous comments in their letter, and I recommend incorporating their answers into the manuscripts. Specifically mention the study limitations as such in the section of discussion, and explain why specific IHC biomarkers were studied. In addition, I recommend adding the new references on animal models of mesothelioma mentioned in my previous comments.

Answer:

- Previous comments (point 1 and 2 and 4 of version 11 Date: 23 March 2006) were already incorporated in the manuscript.
  Point 1: page 4, line 10.
  Point 2: page 7, line 23.
  Point 4: page 6, line 24.

- The new references on animal models of mesothelioma mentioned in its previous comments has been added. Ndegrees 10, page 3, line 19 and references.

Editor changes:

- Abstract changes made by the editor has been added to the manuscript.

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