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Dear Sir,

We would like to express our gratitude both to you and the reviewers for your time and effort, which have improved our manuscript significantly. We have now addressed the final comments of the Reviewer, according to the list below and we hope that in the present form our manuscript will be acceptable for publication in BMC Cancer.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to resubmit our manuscript.

Yours sincerely

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1. The last sentence of the Results section of the abstract states: "5-year RFS rate" and not "5-year RFS", which we thought was correct and according to the Reviewer's initial comments. Nevertheless, we have now again changed the phrasing according to her more recent suggestion: "Significantly fewer patients with stages Ic-IIb and tumor grade 2 or 3 achieved a 5-year RFS than patients with only one of these two factors (73% vs 92%, p=0.03)".

2. We have now rephrased line 7 in page 5: "All surviving patients included in the analysis had a minimum follow-up of 2 years". We believe that this statement clearly indicates that all patients adhered to this criterion.