Author's response to reviews

Title: Correlation between the progressive cytoplasmic expression of a novel small heat shock protein (Hsp16.2) and malignancy in brain tumors

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Dear Sir,

Here I am sending the revised manuscript (MS: 1784812205153663) “Correlation between the progressive cytoplasmic expression of a novel small heat shock protein (Hsp16.2) and malignancy in brain tumors” by Eva Pozsgai, Eva Gomori, Andras Szigeti, Arpad Boronkai, Ferenc Gallyas Jr., Balazs Sumegi, Szabolcs Bellyei for publication in *BMC Cancer*. We made an effort to polish the manuscript and to correct the major and minor errors listed. I hope that the revised manuscript meets the standard of *BMC Cancer* and will be accepted for publication.

We would like to thank the editor and the reviewer their thorough review of our manuscript. We believe that their comments helped to improve it considerably.

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer 1.

We thank the reviewer for the thorough review of our manuscript.

Ad 1. We agree with the reviewer, and in the time period since the original manuscript was written, we obtained further brain tumor samples in order to increase the number of cases examined.

Minor comments:

Ad 1. We corrected the typographical errors as well as the other minor mistakes mentioned.

Reviewer 2.

We would like to thank the reviewer to point out so many mistakes. We corrected them as well as many others throughout the manuscript.

Minor comments:

Ad 1. We corrected the misleading expression used in the Method of the Abstract.

Ad 2. We corrected the Conclusion part of the Abstract.

Ad 3. We inserted the missing citation.

Ad 4. We corrected the misleading statement of “the aims of the study”.

Ad 5. We classified and cited the tumor samples according to the WHO 2007 classification for brain tumors.

Ad 6. We revised the percentages used in counting up Grade 1-2 cancers as well as correcting them in Table 2.

Ad 7. The mistyped word was corrected in the Discussion.

Ad 8. We omitted the first part of the last Section of Discussion, as suggested by the reviewer.

Ad 9. We corrected the misleading term in the last Section of Discussion.