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Reviewer 1.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The Figure 1 is now renewed. The magnification is changed to 400x. Better, more representative tumor samples were chosen for the Figure 1. It should be now clear that the images represent oligodendroglial brain tumors and the immunostaining is seen more clearly, too, to clear the doubts regarding the specificity of the stain.

2. The categories of the immunostaining are as follows; no immunostaining = negative, < 10% of tumor tissue immunostained = weak, 10-50% of tumor tissue immunostained = moderate and >50% of tumor tissue immunostained = strong. This is also added into the text, please see page 8, textline 10.

3. This requested sentence is now added. Please see page 8, textline 6.

Discretionary Revisions

1. We have still added one reference, providing support to our strong confidence that MIB-1 proliferation index we have used is reliable. This reference is also included in the manuscript. Please see page 9, textline 9 and the list of references.