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Dear Prof. Scott Edmunds,

Please find enclosed the latest revision of our manuscript entitled “Conventional and molecular cytogenetics of human non-medullary thyroid carcinoma: characterization of eight cell line models and review of the literature on clinical samples”, updated to take into account the recent findings by Schweppe et al (2008).

These authors confirmed that the cell lines in our study represent unique populations of thyroid origin, but no further conflicting or supporting evidence is provided that may be relevant to our current submission. As such, their work was cited in the discussion as a validation of our findings and as a confirmation of the high frequency of cell-line contamination in the literature (final paragraph in the Discussion).

Yours sincerely,

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