Author’s response to reviews

**Title:** Expression and biological-clinical significance of hTR, hTERT and CKS2 in washing fluids of patients with bladder cancer.

**Authors:**

Letizia Mezzasoma (lmezzaso@unipg.it)  
Cinzia Antognelli (cinzia.antognelli@unipg.it)  
Chiara Del Buono (chiaradelbuono@libero.it)  
Fabrizio Stracci (fabs@unipg.it)  
Emanuele Cottini (emanuelecottini@libero.it)  
Giovanni Cochetti (giovannicochetti@libero.it)  
Vincenzo N Talesa (talesa@unipg.it)  
Ettore Mearini (mearini@unipg.it)

**Version:** 2  **Date:** 28 May 2010

**Author’s response to reviews:** see over
Dear Editor,

I am submitting the manuscript entitled: “Expression and biological-clinical significance of $hTR$, $hTERT$ and $CKS2$ in washing fluids of patients with bladder cancer” by Letizia Mezzasoma et al.

The study, carried out on a sample set particularly rich of exfoliated cells, provides molecular evidence of the involvement of human telomerase RNA ($hTR$), human telomerase reverse transcriptase ($hTERT$) and CDC28 protein kinase regulatory subunit 2 ($CKS2$) gene expression in bladder cancer carcinogenesis. Furthermore, the results indicate a clinical value of the three considered genes in bladder cancer.

I state that the paper is not, neither in part, under simultaneous consideration by any other publisher, has not been published elsewhere and is not in press elsewhere. I also state that all authors have read and approved the manuscript and that, subject to acceptance, authors will transfer copyright to the publisher. I finally state that each author have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for the content and that there are no ethical problems or conflicts of interest.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

Letizia Mezzasoma

(On the behalf of all authors)