Author's response to reviews

Title: Detection of human papillomavirus DNA and p53 codon 72 polymorphism in prostate carcinomas of patients from Argentina

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Dear Mr. Holmes,

We are very happy that BMC Urology has now accepted our manuscript for publication.

We have revised the manuscript according to the suggestions for minor essential revisions by the reviewer Dr. L. Villa and to the manuscript formatting changes you requested.

In the following please find our point-by-point description of the changes made.

Minor essential revisions (Dr. Villa):

1. page 5: "proceeding" was changed into "procedure". The beta globin fragment length was corrected from 260 bp into 268 bp.

Formatting changes:

2. The title page is now configured according to the example title page given in the Authors’ checklist for manuscript formatting: font and font size of the title, indication of the corresponding author.
3. Author list: we have removed the writing accents from the author surnames as indicated in the submission system.
4. Running Head: it was removed from the title page.
5. Affiliations: the author affiliations were fitted to the format required, and Dr Tomas Kahn's current address is now indicated with a superscript number.
6. Keywords section: it was removed from the manuscript.
7. Material and methods: this section was renamed "Methods".
8. Section headings: all unnecessary capitals were removed.
9. Competing interests: as we have none to declare, we wrote "The authors declare that they have no competing interests" according to the formatting changes requested.
10. "Author contributions" was changed to "Authors' contributions".
11. References: the term "et al" was removed from reference number 23 and replaced by the names of all authors.
12. Table titles: All table titles were placed above the corresponding tables.

Additional changes:

13. The terms "HPV" and "p53" were italicized whenever referring to the DNA/gene.
14. Table 1: The heading of the first column was changed from "Type-specific oligonucleotides" to "Oligonucleotide".
15. Table 1: the information about the oligonucleotide "L1TS16 probe" had been inadvertently included in the previous version of the table and has now been removed.

We are looking forward to the publication of our manuscript in BMC Urology.

Yours sincerely,
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