Author's response to reviews

Title: Assessment of the role of transcript for GATA-4 as a marker of unfavorable outcome in human adrenocortical neoplasms

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PDF covering letter
Dear members of the editorial board,

Please find enclosed the newest revision of our manuscript # 1625451411217454 entitled “ASSESSMENT OF THE ROLE OF TRANSCRIPT FOR GATA-4 AS A MARKER OF UNFAVORABLE OUTCOME IN HUMAN ADRENOCORTICAL NEOPLASMS”. Changes in the Result section and in the Discussion have been made in accordance to Dr Peri’s comments. New references have been added as well. We hope we have successfully addressed all issues raised by the reviewers.

Listed below are changes we performed as well as our reply to the reviewers’ comments.

Papers by Aubert (2002) and Gicquel (2001) have been quoted in the Background section (page 3) and added to the reference list (5 and 6, respectively).

Statement regarding the inverse correlation between GATA-4 and LHR expression has been withdrawn from the Results (page 11) and from the Discussion (page 13) as demanded by Dr Peri.

Inter and intra-assay coefficients of variation have been added to the Methods (page 9).

Figures 6 and 7 were deleted and so were the texts referring to them (page 12). Densitometric values (mean ± SE) of GATA-4, GATA-6 and LHR were detailed in the comparison between NM and MR groups (page 11).

Comments regarding GATA-4 expression and tumor behavior were re-written in accordance to Dr. Peri’s suggestion (last paragraph, page 14).

Replies to Dr Peri:

We thank for your constructive criticism. All your comments and suggestions have been incorporated into our manuscript. Please see the list of modifications mentioned above.