Author's response to reviews

Title: Biobanking research on oncological residual material: a framework between the right of individual and the interest of society

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Dear Editor,

please find a copy of the second revision of manuscript “BIOBANKING RESEARCH ON ONCOLOGICAL RESIDUAL MATERIAL: A FRAMEWORK BETWEEN THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL AND THE INTEREST OF SOCIETY” authored by Luciana Caenazzo et al., to be considered for publication in BMC Medical Ethics. The manuscript has been edited following the comments of the two reviewers.

In this cover letter we give a point-by-point response to the concerns of the reviewers as requested.

**Reviewer: Judy Allen**

Major compulsory revisions requested

Regarding point 3b we specified in the text last paragraph of page 8 that the OPT-OUT option should not be not offered simultaneously as alternative to the OPT-IN form, but just as a second choice, because the general goal of a biobank is to obtain samples related to disease history, lifestyle, personal and health information, so the OPT-IN model is overriding.

**Reviewer: Wendy Lipworth**

We structured the manuscript with a long scientific introduction considering that the readers of the journal could not be closely related to the field of the pathology, so we find it helpful to explain in details the process of residual material collection and analysis. In our opinion this doesn’t burden the manuscript.

We have varied the terminology with the purpose of reducing repetitions and deepening the concepts of solidarity in relation to the aim of individual donation to biobank.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Luciana Caenazzo