Author's response to reviews

Title: Meningioma patients diagnosed 2007-2009 and the association with use of mobile and cordless phones: a case-control study

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Comments, referee #2:

Minor Essential Revisions:
Abstract: It is confusing stating controls were matched 1:1 and then double as many controls as meningioma are reported. I suggest rewording: “We performed a case-control study on brain tumor cases of both genders aged 18-75 years and diagnosed during 2007-2009. One population-based control matched on gender and age was used to each case. Here we report on meningioma cases including all available controls.”

We agree that this makes the abstract more clear and have now changed according to the suggestion. Thank you for pointing this out.

p.9, 2nd paragraph: It is stated that the questionnaire contained several other questions and then it is stated that these questions were supplemented over the phone. This is unclear. Were these questions contained in the postal questionnaire and if necessary clarified over the phone or were these topics only assessed over the phone?

This has now been clarified at page 9.

Discretionary Revisions
Authors have analyzed tumor volume in different regions as suggested, but it would be interesting to assess also area of the tumor as also suggested in my previous review. This should be quite simple by omitting the third dimension in the ellipsoid formula.

This has now been analysed without any statistically significant association. Now added at page 16.