Author's response to reviews

Title: Proteomic approach could help us in diagnosis of Riedel's thyroiditis: a case report

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To Editor in Chief
of Journal Medical Case Reports

Dear Editor,

Please find attached the revised version of a case report we are proposing for publication, entitled “Proteomic approach could help us in diagnosis of Riedel’s thyroiditis: a case report”, authors P. Iacconi et al, article code: MS: 1891600987636738.

We wish to thank you and the reviewers for your interest in our manuscript. We have taken into account the reviewers’ comments in the revised version (please see answers to reviewers below and revised version attached). We highlighted all changes made when revising the manuscript. We hereby confirm that the article has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. There were no financial support or other benefits from commercial sources for the work reported on in the manuscript, or any other financial interests that any of the authors may have, which could create a potential conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with regard to the work. The manuscript has been read and approved by all authors.

Sincerely Yours,

Antonio Lucacchini
Point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments

**To reviewer n° 1:**
We wish to thank the reviewer for his interest in our paper.

**To reviewer n° 2:**
We wish to thank the reviewer for his interest in our paper.

In agreement with the criticisms raised by the reviewer:

1. A native English speaker revised the grammatical details.
2. All the abbreviations, exception for FNA, were removed
3. In our experience on a large number of thyroid lesions (data not yet published), the use of a 23-G needle in vivo is sufficient to perform cytological and proteomic studies.
4. Our results in papillary lesions are reported in the following publications:


At moment we are concluding a study on a large number of samples including different types of thyroid lesions (microfollicular, oxyphilic, different variants of papillary cancer and anaplastic cancer) that could establish the threshold values.