Author’s response to reviews

Title: Early screening the small bowel is key to protect Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome patients from surgery: a novel mutation c.243delG in STK11 gene

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Shirley V. Hodgson (Reviewer 2):

1. The linguistic modifications are as below
   Page 2 line 9 "appeared" has been changed into “developed”;
   Page 6 line 17 "defections" has been changed into “deletions”;
   Page 6 line 28 "suffers" has been changed into “suffer”;
   The last sentence in the Abstract has been rewritten.

2. Screening for extra-intestinal tumours is not mentioned in the guidelines, and perhaps should be.

3. Response: Corresponding statements have been added in page 6 lines 34-36.
4. The suggestion that screening should be instigated before the age of 8y is worth making in the context of this report, but some further discussion of the possible disadvantages of starting screening of in such young children should also be discussed (e.g. Would a general anaesthetic be required, further consideration of the possible side effects)

Response: Corresponding discussion have been added in page 7 lines 10-14.

Randall W Burt (Reviewer 3):

Two minor comments:

1. Page 2, line 9: use the word "developed" rather than "appeared"

2. Page 6, line 17: use the word "deletions" rather than "defections"

Response: Thanks a lot! These errors have been corrected.