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Dear Editor,

we are herewith resubmitting the revised version of our manuscript (Ms. Ref. No.: 3489854601429713) entitled “CLUSTERIN TRANSCRIPT VARIANTS EXPRESSION IN THYROID TUMORS: A POTENTIAL MARKER OF MALIGNANCY?,” by PAOLO FUZIO, Anna Napoli, Anna Ciampolillo, Serafina Lattarulo, Angela Pezzolla, Nicoletta Nuzziello, Sabino Liuni, Francesco Giorgino, Eugenio Maiorano and Elda Perlino.

We hope to have fully replied to the revisions required prior to editorial assessment that have certainly improved the quality of our paper:

1) Please provide Line numbering.

“I revised our manuscript including line numbers in the main text file.”

2) Requesting Ethics statement.

“We obtained participants’ informed consent approved by the local ethical committees (AOU Policlinico, 70124 Bari, Italy) for publication of the dataset at recruitment into the study in compliance with international and national data protection laws. The dataset is fully anonymous, as it does not contain any direct or indirect identifier, thus respecting participants’ rights to privacy and protecting their identity. (See Materials and Methods – par. Patients - pag. 12 row 336)”

I hope that our revision respond suggestion in a satisfactory way making it possible to start the peer review process of the manuscript for the publication on the BMC Cancer.

Waiting for your news I send my best regards

Elda Perlino