Author's response to reviews

Title: Digital imaging in the immunohistochemical evaluation of the proliferation markers Ki67, MCM2 and Geminin, in early breast cancer and their putative prognostic value

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Dear Dr. Solera,

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We would like to thank the Editorial Board and the referees for their contributions to and constructive criticism of our manuscript. We have now amended the manuscript to take into account review 2’s request. We have highlighted these changes in yellow. Further, we have copy-edited the manuscript to improve its readability. These changes remain as tracked changes.

In addition, below, we have put responses to each of reviewer 2’s comments.

Yours truly,

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Reviewer 2

Thank you for the corrections and answers. Unfortunately the table nr. 2 with tumour characteristics was not corrected. Please recalculate the percentages considering only the cases were you have clear data or add an other column with valid % data.

Our response > We have now recalculated these percentages in Table 2 and have updated the first section of the Results accordingly.

"We have shown for the first time to our knowledge that digital microscopy images can be used....." This is not totally correct, so please correct accordingly.

Our response > We have now amended the first sentence of the conclusion to: “We have shown that digital microscopy images can be used as a high-throughput technique for assessing the immunohistochemical expression of proliferation markers in early invasive breast cancer with results that are comparable to those from light microscopy-based scoring.”