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The authors would like to thank the editor of BMC Cancer for reviewing and providing positive comments to this manuscript. We have revised the manuscript according to the suggestions from the Editor. Details on the current revision have been described below.

All the persons listed as authors have participated to the study to a sufficient extent to be co-authors of the manuscript and all have agreed to the changes made for its re-submission to BMC Cancer.

Sincerely
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1. Patient consent:

Informed written patient consent was obtained prior to the collection of the tissue specimens. The current revised version of the manuscript confirms that ‘informed written patient consent’ was obtained for the study (main text: page 6, line 120).

2. Competing interests:

We have now replaced ‘conflict of interest’ with ‘competing interests’ as suggested (main text: page 21, line 480).