Author's response to reviews

Title: DNA hypermethylation and decreased mRNA expression of MAL, PRIMA1, PTGDR and SFRP1 in colorectal adenoma and cancer

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Dear Dr. Dave Hoon,

Attached please find our manuscript “DNA hypermethylation and decreased mRNA expression of MAL, PRIMA1, PTGDR and SFRP1 in colorectal adenoma and cancer”, which we would like to resubmit to BMC Cancer after revision according to the Editorial comments. Together with the revised manuscript, hereby I would like to provide a detailed point-by-point response.

Editorial comment

Unfortunately some of the tables included with your manuscript contain several pieces of individual data. In Additional table 2 there are details on age, gender and clinical information. Please check all the tables and ensure that these identifying pieces of information are removed. Ages should be indicated as in an age range and gender removed altogether. Please also ensure that the sample identifiers do not link back to individual participants.

Author's response

All of individual gender and age data were removed from the tables belonging to the manuscript and in the revised manuscript only age-ranges are represented of the different patient groups. In order to provide complete anonymity to the patients involved in the study, even the 4-digit internal patient codes used in our sample collection system (e.g. 2832) were changed to more uniform identifier codes (“sample group and number_GSE set number”, e.g.: N1_GSE37364), respectively. These codes do not link back to individual participants.

Looking forward to Your kind reply about the hopefully acceptance of our response. We hope that the above modifications and enhancements make this manuscript acceptable.

Sincerely,

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