Author's response to reviews

Title: Heparan sulfate proteoglycans undergo differential expression alterations in right sided colorectal cancer, depending on their metastatic character

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Dear Editors:

Please find enclosed a revised version of our manuscript “Heparan sulfate proteoglycans undergo differential expression alterations in right sided colorectal cancer, depending on their metastatic character”, in which we have included the modifications suggested by the referees (highlighted in red in the text). In addition, attached to this letter we include a letter in which we address the concerns raised by the referees. Moreover, we would like you to allow us to include an additional author, A. Crespo, who has participated, with his experience in colon tumors, in discussing and editing the article. We hope that this revised version fits the requirements for publication as an Article in BMC Cancer.

Yours faithfully,

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Response to reviewer 1:

Dear Dr. Gharbaran:

Thank you very much for your comments. According to your suggestion, We have revised and edited the lines 498-501, and they appear highlighted in red.
Response to reviewer 2:

Dear Dr. Filmus:

Thank you very much for your comments. As we argue in our previous letter, we think that the transcription data reflect, in many cases, the behavior of the tumor, and that they are a valuable tool in these type of studies. However, we agree with you that there may be situations in which this argument is not true. In this regard, we included some considerations in the text as in the case of serglycin, where we pointed out that the result probably reflects the absence of mast cells in the tumor tissues.

After analyzing the case you indicate, glypican 1, we agree with you, and we think that your objections should be included in the text. For this reason, we have made changes in the discussion (lines 638-643) that we hope can recapitulate your objections suitably.