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Dear Professor Solera,

Thank you for your e-mail dated the 3rd February, 2016 as well as the supportive and useful  
comments made by both Reviewers. Please find attached a copy of our point by point reply to  
Reviewer 3. Reviewer 1 had no questions and there was no comment from Reviewer 2.  
All corrections to the manuscript are shown in red and blue.

Thank you for the opportunity of submitting our revised manuscript.

With best regards,

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Reviewer N° 1
Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Elizabeth A. Guancial

Reviewer's report:
The changes the authors made to this manuscript addressed my questions/concerns. I believe that in its current form, the manuscript is acceptable for publication in BMC Cancer.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I decline that I have no competing interests.

AUTHORS REPLY: The authors are most grateful for the supportive comments made by the Reviewer.
Reviewer's report

Title: Efficacy and safety of Vinflunine for advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma in routine practice based on the French multi-centre CURVE study

Version: 4 Date: 1 February 2016

Reviewer: Feng Gao

Reviewer's report:
This is a very nice written manuscript. The purpose is clearly expressed. The survival endpoints is clearly defined. The statistical methods are used appropriately, and the results are well presented and interpreted. No major statistical concerns and only couple of minor issues:

1. page 2 line 59: Nend spell out CT when it appears the first time

AUTHORS REPLY: CT abbreviation has been explained and the word Chemotherapy added.

2. Tables 1 & 2: counts need to be presented for each variable

AUTHORS REPLY: The counts have been added to tables 1 and 2.

3. page 6 line 177: including post-treatment factor as prognostic factors is misleading. the effect of these post-treatment factors should be assessed using methods other than conventional Cox model (e.g., using Cox model with time-dependent covariates)

AUTHORS REPLY: We agree with the reviewer that effect of time-dependant covariates should be assessed with a non-conventional Cox model. The time-dependant covariates have not been mentioned afterwards in the manuscript. Therefore, they are not of interest in the baseline risk group based analysis. In order to clarify this point, we gave now completely deleted the sentences on page 6 where the covariates were mentioned. The authors thank the reviewer for this pertinent observation.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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I declare that I have no competing interests