Author’s response to reviews

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Dafne Solera
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Dear Dafne Solera:

I, along with my co-authors, would like to re-submit the attached manuscript entitled “ALK-rearranged lung squamous cell carcinoma responding to alectinib: A case report and review of the literature” as a “Case Report” for publication in BMC Cancer. The manuscript ID is: BCAN-D-16-02802R1.

We wish to thank the Associate Editor and reviewers for their valuable and constructive advice regarding our submission.

We have carefully rechecked our submission and made the necessary revisions in accordance with the Associate Editor and reviewer’s suggestions. Please find enclosed our point-by-point responses to the comments and concerns raised.
We believe that the quality of our manuscript has been substantially improved and hope that the revised version is now suitable for publication in your esteemed journal. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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RESPONSES TO THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR AND REVIEWER’S COMMENTS

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Response: Thank you for your valuable comments. We have modified our Authors’ contributions section (lines –11, page 10) as follows:

“N.M. designed the case report and drafted the manuscript. K.N. designed the case report, participated in the diagnosis and management of the patient, and revised the manuscript for important intellectual content. T. Naito and T.T. participated in the diagnosis and management of the patient and revised the manuscript for important intellectual content. T. Nakajima participated in the diagnosis of the patient by conducting the histological and pathological investigations. M.E. participated in the diagnosis of the patient by conducting the radiographic investigations and obtaining the bronchoscopy specimens. All authors have read and approved the final manuscript.”

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