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Thank you very much for your letter dated 04/26/2019 where you let us know that our manuscript BCAN-D-19-01196 needs minor revision to be considered for publication in your journal. Below is a point-by-point letter addressing the reviewers’ comments. We hope that you find this new version of our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Cancer.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Sincerely,

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