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Dear doctor Fagelson,

Thank you for revising our manuscript ‘Impact of body mass index and fat distribution on sex steroids levels in endometrial carcinoma’ (BCAN-D-18-0) and considering our paper for publication in BMC Cancer.

We have revised the manuscript based on your comments. We have carefully addressed all comments point by point which are summarized below.

We thank you for the chance of improving our manuscript based on the remarks. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On behalf of all co-authors, yours sincerely,

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