Author’s response to reviews

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Dr. Linda Gummlich
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RE: Manuscript BCAN-D-19-00027R2

Dear Dr. Gummlich,

We are happy to know that our manuscript has been accepted pending some minor revisions. We have made these additional changes. A clean version of our revised manuscript has been submitted. Below are our point-by-point responses.

1. Please describe in the Methods the manner by which animals were sacrificed.

A. Done as suggested.

2. If human cell lines are used, authors are strongly encouraged to include the following information in their manuscript.
• The source of the cell line, including when and from where it was obtained
• Whether the cell line has recently been authenticated and by what method
• Whether the cell line has recently been tested for mycoplasma contamination

A. The relevant part of the Methods was revised accordingly. Thanks.

3. Please confirm whether any of the cell lines required ethics approval for their use and include a statement in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

A. Done as suggested.

4. For all research involving human subjects, informed consent to participate in the study should be obtained from participants (or their parent or guardian in the case of children under 16) and a statement to this effect should appear in the ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section of the Declarations including whether the consent was written. When reporting on such studies, individual patient data should not be made available unless consent for publication has also been obtained.

A. No patient samples were used in this study.

5. We have also made additional changes to follow your Editorial Policies.

We hope our manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

Sincerely,

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