Author’s response to reviews

Title: Targeted sequencing of circulating cell-free DNA in stage II-III resectable oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma patients

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Dear Editor,

Thanks for your response and comments on our manuscript. We have modified our manuscript (BCAN-D-18-00953) according to your comments in the revised version. All comments and responses were summarized below.
Comment #1: Please clarify whether patients gave informed written consent for use of their blood samples and tissue samples for research. The statement in the "Ethics approval and consent to participate" section currently states "All patients were given informed consent to the work".

Alternatively, if the need for informed consent has been waived by an IRB or is deemed unnecessary according to national regulations, please clearly state this, including the name of the Board or a reference to the relevant legislation. Alternatively, if you did not need to obtain informed consent from patients as the patient data was de-identified, please clearly state this in this section.

Response: As suggested, we have changed the state "All patients were given informed consent to the work" to “All patients gave informed written consent for use of their samples and all patient data were de-identified for this study”.

Comment #2: Please provide email addresses for all the co-authors on the title page.

Response: Email addresses for all the co-authors have been listed on the title page as follows.

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