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Response to the Editors

Below, please find the editor's comments and questions listed (numbered), followed by our responses and changes to the text. Changes to the manuscript have been made directly to the submitted manuscript as requested.

Editor Comments:
1. If two authors have the same initials, please distinguish between them by designating them with numbers 1 and 2. For example: PG1 and PG2. PG1 would correspond to the author furthest up on the author list.

We appreciate your feedback. This change has been made on lines 370 and 374 respectively.

2. Please include a statement in Authors’ contributions clearly indicating that all authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

In lines 375 and 376, we state that all authors have read and approved the manuscript as suggested.

3. In your Funding section, please also state the role of the funding body in the design of the study; collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; and in writing the manuscript.

Our study population was drawn from men at each of the participating institutions who were identified for prostate needle biopsy and consequently enrolled in one of each of the following studies:

- a study examining the effect of serum vitamin D levels on prostate cancer proliferation (National Institutes of Minority Health &amp; Health Disparities (Kittles, 1R01MD007105-01)

- a comparative effectiveness study examining the use a genomic assay in predicting active surveillance failure in men diagnosed with low risk prostate cancer (Department of Defense (Murphy/Gann, W81XWH-16-PCRP-IDA), National Cancer Institute (Murphy, R21CA2022552)

The analysis and interpretation of the above results are by no means affected by the sources of funding. Changes to the funding section are highlighted in lines 363-368.

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The requisite approved institutional review board protocols are referenced in the parentheses for each of the participating institutions. The study numbers are assigned by each institution and do not bear a more expansive name.