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RESPONSE LETTER

Dear editors and reviewers,

We would like to thank you all very much for your inputs and suggestions. We believe that they added a valuable contribution to the final version of our article. Below you can find a point-by-point response to all your comments and suggestions.

Best regards,

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Reviewer reports:

Martin Weber (Reviewer 1): Thank you for this revised documents. All Points risen in the reviewers comments are well taken into account.

There is still one clarification to be made in my opinion concerning Figure 1:

The given figures are still confusing: When 556 Patients with cancer were included, how could you then exclude 4 Patients who indeed didn't have cancer? I guess that 4 patients were erroneously said to have cancer but didn't have cancer in fact. So either change the numbers (552 patients with cancer to be screened) or explain your approach in a footnote.

Response: The total number of cancer patients was changed to 552 (Figure 1; Abstract session, page 2, line 40; Methods section, page 5, line 110.

Christoph Ostgathe (Reviewer 2): Please include all comments for the authors in this box rather than uploading your report as an attachment. Please only upload as attachments annotated versions of manuscripts, graphs, supporting materials or other aspects of your report which cannot be included in a text format.

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