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Dear Dr. Pasini,

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript “Accurate Detection of KRAS, NRAS and BRAF Mutations in Metastatic Colorectal Cancers by Bridged Nucleic Acid-Clamp Real-Time PCR,” (Manuscript Number: MGNM-D-19-00188R3), which we would like to submit for publication as a Research Article in BMC Medical Genomics.

We would like to thank the editors and reviewers for their helpful comments. Following the reviewers’ advice, we revised the manuscript and corrected the mistakes. We hope that this revision makes our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Medical Genomics.

Yours sincerely,

Yosuke Hirotsu, PhD.

Responses to the comments of Editor
Editor Comments:

1. Ethics approval
   <Response>
   I provided the full name of the ethics committee. I revised manuscript as follow (in Method section, page 6, line 91; in ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section, page 19, line 333-335).

2. Form of consent to participate
   <Response>
   I obtained the written informed consent. I revised manuscript (in ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section, page 19, line 333-335).

3. Role of funding bodies
   <Response>
   I added the statement “The funding bodies played no role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.” in the revised manuscript (page 19, line 348-349).

4. Authors’ contributions
   <Response>
   I revised the Authors’ contributions section (page 20, line 353). HM contributed the design of the work. I described this information.

5. Availability of data and materials
   <Response>
   I described the ‘Availability of data and materials’ section in revised manuscript. I described “The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.” (page 19, line 339-340)

6. Abstract
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