

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 1146-review.doc).

Title: Contribution of new immunoglobulin-derived biomarkers in plasma cell dyscrasias and lymphoproliferative disorders

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) Yes, I believe that the sentence "...non secretory MM" in the abstract is correct.
- (2) the abbreviation HLC was explained at the end of the fifth paragraph of the introduction
- (3) (Kyle et al) was reported in the reference list.
- (4) The term "monoclonal protein" is synonym of "paraprotein" and of "monoclonal immunoglobulin", so we left it like this.
- (5) The sentence "For diagnostic purposes, sFLC measurements are especially relevant in light chain myeloma (LCM) and oligosecretory disease while FLCs can be used for disease monitoring" was changed by "Serum FLC measurements are more accurate than quantification of urine proteinuria in light chain myeloma (LCM) while in the majority of non secretory MM, low levels of abnormal serum FLCs are actually found (oligosecretory disease). In both aforementioned MM subgroups, sFLC fluctuations can be used for disease monitoring".

In addition, we slightly changed the text in AL amyloidosis and CLL that was too long, with details out of our subject that were removed.

We deleted figures 1 and 2 that could have a copyright problem and we added a new figure 1 that replaces more explicitly table 1.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hematology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'mck' followed by a stylized surname.

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