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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 730revised.docx).

Title: Cathepsin D – autoantibody profiling as a diagnostic marker

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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) ZIP code was added

(2) Running title was added

(3) PMID/DOI information was added when possible

(4) With respect to the request of at least 45 references, we would like to point out that this is completely new field with a high clinical potential. We could easily add dozens of references on procathepsin D and cancer, but the focus of this topic was the anti-cathepsin D autoantibodies, where only limited number of studies exist.

(5) *I would suggest improving the text of the abstract: The article is focused specifically on cathepsin D, and this fact should be reflected in the abstract – 1 or 2 more sentences at the end of the abstract will improve its clarity.* **REPLY:** We added several sentences to better explain the fact that the autoantibodies against procathepsin D are the subject of this paper.

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

Sincerely yours,

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