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Reply to Reviewer Xinguang Chen

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript and the possibility to improve our manuscript.

There are some explanations.

The authors are very responsive to the previous review and the manuscript has been substantially improved. I have identified only one part that need some revision: In Lower part in Table 2, reverse the order of “GSTT1 Present vs null” and “GSTM1 Present vs null” # null vs. presents so that the beta coefficients become negative, consistent with the rest of the result. To make this revision, the authors have to re-run the analysis.

We accepted the suggestion and in lower part in Table 2 we changed the order. Now in the Table 2 are presented “GSTT1 null vs present” and “GSTM1 null vs present” and we re-ran the analysis. According changes are made in page 9 Statistical methods.

Thank you once more.