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Dear Editors,

Please find attached a revision of our manuscript MS:2044090365374226, entitled “Association of genetic polymorphisms in the interleukin-10 promoter with risk of prostate cancer in Chinese”.

Reviewer’s report:

The revised manuscript has adequately addressed all the problems identified in the previous review.

Discretionary Revisions: Some redundancy remains between the material presented in the Background and Discussion sections, particularly in relation to information about IL-10. Removing this redundancy would improve the manuscript.

We have deleted the redundant content in the “Methodology and Discussion sections”. Please see the following:

1. Delete “Serum PSA was measured using an Elecsys-2010 automated immunoassay instrument (F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., Basel, Switzerland) at diagnosis, with the average PSA level in patients $128.33 \pm 634.21 (4.0-4165.0) \text{ng/ml}$.” and “Controls had low plasma prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels (PSA<$4.0 \text{ ng/ml}$), with the average PSA level $2.146 \pm 0.954 (0.1\text{-}3.9) \text{ng/ml}$” in the Methodology section. The information are described in the Results section.

2. There are many redundancy in the Discussion section, especially the information about IL-10, which is the repeated content in the "Background". So we have deleted some contents in the Discussion section and adjusted the paragraph order.

3. Delete the No.26 reference in the original version.

4. Specific attention has been placed on the writing formats.

The authors greatly appreciate the reviewers’ careful readings of the manuscript and their constructive remarks. We hope that this revised manuscript is suitable for publication.

Best regards,

Jie Liu