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Title: "Unique trend" and "contradictory trend" in discrimination of primary synchronous lung cancer and metastatic lung cancer

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Many thanks for your letter (March 13, 2013) about our manuscript "Unique trend" and "contradictory trend" in discrimination of primary synchronous lung cancer and metastatic lung cancer (MS: 2141162248943037) and thanks for the referees taking time to deal with the manuscript and giving our suggestions. These suggestions are all valuable and very helpful for improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. According to the referees' suggestions, we have carefully amended and corrected the related contents in our paper.

(1) Ethics Statement

Research involving human subjects (including human material or human data) that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

Thank you for your attention to our article and valuable questions as well as suggestions. We are very sorry for not clear enough to perform with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. The experiments were approved by the West China Hospital Ethics committee (No. 2013(33)).

(2) Consent Statement

Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants
are children, a parent or guardian.

Thank you for your suggestions. We are very sorry for not clear enough to write informed consent for participation in the study. We stated that all patients agreed to participate in the study and signed an informed consent form.

(3) Copyediting
After reading through your manuscript, we feel that the quality of written English needs to be improved before the manuscript can be considered further.

We advise you to seek the assistance of a fluent English speaking colleague, or to have a professional editing service correct your language. Please ensure that particular attention is paid to the abstract.

Thank you for your attention to our article and valuable questions as well as suggestions. We have asked for some professional help to revise the manuscript.