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**Reviewer 1’s comments:**

This revised manuscript is improved since the previous submission, however there exist two major issues;

1. The manuscript should be checked again for language issues as a number still exist.

**RESPONSE:** We have our manuscript critically read and checked for language issues by two native English speakers. There are indeed a plenty of errors in our manuscript and we have corrected them. Hopefully, this version of our manuscript is acceptable as for the language issue.

2. The use of the CRT APE1 inhibitor, acknowledged by the authors as troublesome, is still left in the data (figure 5C and D). This needs to be removed.

You can't acknowledge the inhibitor is not specific and has issues and still retain its use as that is logically inconsistent.

Additionally, all mention of this inhibitor should be removed from results and discussion as well as removed from any figures.

**RESPONSE:** We have deleted the Figure 5C and D and removed all the text related to CRT inhibitor.