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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your efforts with our manuscript, entitled "Apoptosis inhibitor-5 overexpression is associated with tumor progression and poor prognosis in patients with cervical cancer" (Manuscript ID: 1063127652123972). We appreciate editor’s comment on improving the manuscript. Our specific response to the editor’s comment are attached.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Truly,

/s/

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LP, CCR, NCI, NIH
We have provided a point-by-point description of the changes below and we highlighted them as red in the revised version of the manuscript.

Response to Editor

1. Please could you clarify in the methods section of your manuscript whether you obtained tumor tissues prospectively or retrospectively for the purposes of your study.

We have revised the Material & Method section as follows:

[On page 6, Material & method, Line 117-121]

Chemo-radiation response was determined by locoregional recurrence with a follow-up time of at least 2 years. Tissue samples were collected from patients who had signed informed consent forms, which was approved by the Institutional Review Boards of Gangnam Severance Hospital. This study was additionally approved by the Office of Human Subjects Research at the National Institute of Health.