Author's response to reviews

Title: Expression of CD80 and CD86 costimulatory molecules correlates with better survival in nasopharyngeal carcinoma

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Dear Dr. Scott Edmunds,

My colleagues and I have revised the manuscript according to the valuable comments and suggestings of all three reviewers. The revisions are listed as following,

1. Multivariate analysis for survival incorporated T stage, N stage, and treatment is carried out with CD80/86 as one single group.
2. Staging system and treatment of patients are described in the text.
3. Staining pattern and scoring method are stated in the text.
4. Figure of HLA-DR in tumor cells is provided in figure 3.
5. Follow-up period has been extended to 2/15/2007 and median follow-up time is provided.
6. Correlation between CD80/86 and T cell/dendritic cells are examined.
7. Redundant data and figures were taken out.
8. B7 expression in other cancer is addressed in the manuscript.
9. Abnormal nasopharyngeal epithelia were hardly present in our biopsies.

Sincerely,

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