Title: Expression of CD80 and CD86 costimulatory molecules are potential markers for better survival in nasopharyngeal carcinoma

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Author’s response to reviews: see over
Dear Dr. Scott Edmunds,

My colleagues and I have revised the manuscript further according to the comments and suggestions of the reviews. The revisions are listed as following:

1. Because statistical conclusions which correlate the expression of CD80/86 with survival cannot be drawn in the multivariate analysis in this study. We agree with the reviewer’s suggestion and changed the title of the manuscript to “Expression of CD80 and CD86 costimulatory molecules are potential markers for better survival in nasopharyngeal carcinoma”.
2. A sentence was added to describe the results of the multivariate analysis in the abstract.
3. “by univariate analysis” is added at the end of the first sentence in page 11.
4. In page 10, “low” number is changed to “limited” number.

Figures for IHC of CD45RO and CD20 were not included in the manuscript because lymphocytic infiltration in the tumor lesions of NPC has been well documented.

We wish our manuscript would be reconsidered for publication in BMC Cancer.

Sincerely,

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