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First we want to thank the referees and the editors for evaluating the manuscript critically. We are happy to see that almost all questions could be answered. Additionally, we are very grateful for suggesting final changes which will improve the manuscript. We think that we appropriately answered the remarks raised by the reviewer and the editor. We have indicated all the changes we have made point by point in this cover letter. Thank you very much for continued interest in our manuscript.

Yours sincerely,
Anja Bosserhoff

Point to Point Letter (Comments of the editor)

Title page:

The title was changed to: Role of loss of full length CtBP1 expression enhances the invasive potential of human melanoma

Manuscript formatting checklist

The revised manuscript conforms to all of the points.

Point to Point letter Reviewer 2 (Stefan Wiemann)

1. It should be better style to remove at least one “Interesting” from the abstract. Terms like “unequivocal evidence” (Background section) or “we “clearly” show” (Results) should be avoided in a paper anyway.

Answer: The style was corrected according to the suggestions of the referee.
2. What is “melanoma inhibitory activity (MIA) promoter activity”? (Introduction)

Answer: The sentence was changed to: “In previous work we could show that CtBP1 functions as a strong repressor of melanoma inhibitory activity (MIA) expression by negatively regulating MIA promoter activity in malignant melanoma,…”

3. It should read “humidified atmosphere” instead of “humified atmosphere” (Material and Methods).

Answer: The mistake was corrected.