Author’s response to reviews

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Point by point response

Dear editor,

We are very grateful to receive your comments on our revised paper (R2) and really appreciate your thinking its potentially acceptable for publication after some necessary revisions. According to your comments, we revised our manuscript and added information as requested in a proper way. Finally, we provided a clean version according to your requirement.

Here is a point-by-point response to the editor’s comments.

Editor comments

1. Abbreviations

Please provide a list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript. This list should be placed just before the Declarations section. All abbreviations should still be defined in the text at first use.

Respond: We have provided a list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript and the list is placed just before the Declarations section. We have checked again that all abbreviations were defined in the text at first use. Please see the Abbreviations in our clean version(R3).
2. Role of funding bodies

In the Funding statement of the Declarations, please describe the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Respond: We have stated that funding bodies didn’t participate in the production of the paper, which is as follow:

“There was no role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.”

3. Authors’ contributions

Please use initials to refer to each author's contribution in this section, for example: "FC analyzed and interpreted the patient data regarding the hematological disease and the transplant. RH performed the histological examination of the kidney, and was a major contributor in writing the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript." Please include a statement in the Authors' contributions section to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

Respond: We use initials to refer to each author's contribution in this section. Here is the Authors’ contribution we added in the revised version (R3):

“SL conceived and designed the experiments; JL recruited subjects and collected clinical data. JL conducted the laboratory testing. RW, XG, ZZ helped to analyze the data. SL and JL wrote the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.”

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Respond: Thank you for your careful check with the manuscript, we have rewritten the Ethics approval and consent to participate in our revised version by added necessary information as suggested by editor. Here is the new statement:

“The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of Meizhou People's Hospital, Meizhou Hospital Affiliated to Sun Yat-sen University (NO: MPH-HEC 2017-A-29). Written informed consent was obtained from each patient.”
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Respond: We confirm that we upload the clean manuscript which meet all requirements.

Reviewer

Lupe Furtado-Alle (Reviewer 2): The proposed corrections have been made by the authors.

Respond: We really thank Reviewer 2 for raising many professional questions towards our manuscript, and based on these questions we did greatly improve our manuscript.