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GENERAL COMMENTS: The authors have responded well to the reviewers comments and the revised version reads well.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

The cited reference of the first statement in the discussion requires revision.

Response: We have revised the reference as required (Discussion section, line 2, page 8).

Hyo-Joon Yang, M.D., Ph.D. (Reviewer 3)

It seems that the initial comments were appropriately responded.

No further comments on this manuscript.

Response: No changes made
Editor Comments:

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Response: We have proofread and revised the table references in the results (Survival analysis of Results section, line 6, 9, and 13, page 8).

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