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We thank the editor for the constructive comments on the manuscript. All changes made in the revised paper are summarized in our response below

Technical Comments

Editor Comments:

Comment1: We recommend that that you adhere to the guidelines for authorship that are applicable in your research field or, in the absence of any guidelines, to the International
Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) guidelines. Please see http://www.biomedcentral.com/getpublished/editorial-policies#authorship for more details.

Our response: We listed the author contributions in the present manuscript, according to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) guidelines.

Section “Declarations”, subsection “Authors’ contributions”, page 10.

Comment 2: In the Funding section, please indicate the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Our response: The sentence “The funders had no role in the design of the study or data analysis and they have not seen the manuscript” has been added to the “Funding” section, page 10.

Comment 3: Figure titles (max 15 words) and legends (max 300 words) should be provided in the main manuscript. Please add a figure legend to accompany Figure 1.

Our response: We added a figure legend to accompany Figure 1.

Page 19, at the end of the main manuscript: “At the chromosomal region 8q12.13 from 58907113 to 59119293 bp, NSMAF gene is closely located between CYP7A1 and TOX gene”.

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Our response: As requested, a clean version of the manuscript has been uploaded.