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Re: MGTC-D-18-00363R1

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Dear Editor,

We highly appreciated for your efforts in review of our manuscript. We have carefully revised the manuscript as requested. Our responses to the comments are detailed in “Response to referees” in this cover letter. The amendments made are highlighted in red in the revised version.
Thank you very much for your and the reviewers’ constructive comments, which are very important for improving our manuscript. We hope that these changes will make the manuscript acceptable for publication in BMC Medical Genetics. If there are additional changes that we should make, please let us know.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Referees’ Comments

Editor Comments:

1-Background: page 3 lane 15: "...not everyone who exposed to ..." should be changed with "....not everyone who has been exposed to..."

Response: Done as your request (See page 3 lane 8).

2-Background: page 3 lane 17: "..cancer during their lifetime, so genetic factor likely..." should be changed with "cancer during lifetime, so genetic factors likely..."

Response: Corrected as your suggestion (See page 3 lane 9).

3-Background: page 3 lane 48: "..In present study..." should be changed with "...In the present study..."

Response: Thank you. We have corrected it (See page 3 lane 24).

4- Methods page 5 lane 1 and Results page 5 lanes 54-59: I suggest to delete the sentence "By using the Quanto program, our sample......to lung cancer risk" within Results section and add a sentence like "The software calculated a power > 90% for our sample size" after the sentence "Quanto program ....study." within the Methods section.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have deleted that sentence within Results section. We also add this part within the Methods section (See page 5 lane 2).
5- Results, page 6 lane 11: replace "didn't" with "did not".

Response: Done as your request (See page 6 lane 5).

6- Discussion, page 8 lane 5: replace "effected" with "affected".

Response: Done as your suggestion (See page 8 lane 2).