Author’s response to reviews

Title: HLA-E expression in diffuse glioma: relationship with clinicopathological features and patient survival

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Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for your decision letter and comments concerning our manuscript entitled “The relationship of HLA-E with clinicopathological features and patient survival in diffuse glioma” (Ms. No. NURL-D-19-00219R1). The manuscript has been carefully checked and appropriate changes have been made in accordance with your comments. The detailed point-by-point responses are attached below.

We hope that the revised manuscript is of the quality necessary to ensure that our manuscript is suitable for publication. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

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Responses

1. In your Ethics approval section, please clarify whether consent obtained from participants was written or verbal. If consent was obtained verbally please include reasoning for this and state if an IRB approved this method of obtaining consent.

Response:

Thank you for this comment, and we should apologize for our misleading description. In the current study, written informed consents were obtained from all patients, and this was already clarified in the Methods section (Methods, Patients and tissue samples):

“……The current study was approved by the Ethics Committee of Beijing Tiantan Hospital, and written informed consents were obtained from all patients.”

We have rephased the Ethics approval section as follows (Declarations, Ethics approval and consent to participate):

“The current study was approved by the Ethics Committee of Beijing Tiantan Hospital. All procedures performed in studies involving human participants were in accordance with the ethical standards of the institutional and/or national research committee and with the 1964 Helsinki declaration and its later amendments or comparable ethical standards. Written informed consents were obtained from all individual participants included in the study.”

2. Please provide further details in the Availability of data and materials subsection such as a data accession number or a direct weblink to the location of the exact dataset in the CGGA which you analysed in your study.

Response:

Thank you very much for this comment, we have provided a direct weblink to the location of data download (http://www.cgga.org.cn/download.jsp), everyone could find the exact dataset we analyzed in the current study through this weblink.

3. In your Funding section, please also state the role of the funding body in the design of the study; collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; and in writing the manuscript.

Response:

Thank you very much for this comment, the funding was used to support the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and we have clarified this in the Funding section.

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Response:

Thank you very much for this comment, we have provided this part in the manuscript. As we didn’t need Acknowledgements section, we haven’t added this part.

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Response:

Thank you very much for this comment, if only one corresponding author was requested, we should choose Pro. Tao Jiang as the sole corresponding author, and the title page has been rephased already.

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Response:

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