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Dear Annie:

How are you doing!

According to your advices, we have already made some changes of our manuscript (MS: 1100756891412223), entitled “STK33 overexpression in hypopharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma: Possible role in tumorigenesis”.

1. **Line Numbering**: The line numbers of the manuscript have been added in the newly presented version.

2. **Title page**: The e-mail addresses, institutions and countries of all authors, and the full postal address to the submitting author have been added. Now the title page of the manuscript file contains the names, institutions, countries and e-mail addresses of all authors, and the full postal address, the numbers of telephone and fax of the submitting author.

3. **Ethics**: The statements regarding ethical approval, including the name of the ethics committee and consent from patients, has been revised in the part of “Materials and methods” (page 8, line 166-169). The scanned document of the ethical approval has been shown at the end of the cover letter.

4. **Nucleotide sequences**: The numbers of Genbank NCBI reference sequence of the primers of each gene for real-time PCR have been added in Table 2, which are shown at the end of the manuscript (page 43).

We hope that the revised manuscript will be in line the requirements of your journal: BMC Cancer. Please do not hesitate to contact with me if you have any question.
Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Best regards!

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