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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the positive news about this manuscript. We have updated the manuscript according to the editorial comments:

1). Requesting Availability of Supporting Data section:
In the M&M, RNA extraction and gene expression analysis section, the text has been updated:
The raw data presented and used in this article is deposited in NCBI's Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) [11] as described in the Availability of supporting data section.

Similarly, the Results, DKK1 pathway proteins show concurrent up-regulation in cisplatin-refractory NSCLC clones has been updated:
…. (for deposited data, see Availability of supporting data).

A new section has been added before Competing interests:
Availability of supporting data

The information added above is what GEO recommend for citations and they do not provide DOIs. We have tried crossref.org also but they can only give DOIs for articles/books/reports or metadata in csv-format. We would need to have a Parent DOI already (link to the published article with a DOI assigned) to get a separate DOI for the GEO hyperlink, which is not possible yet. Please let us know if we have misunderstood this and can provide the DOI now anyway. Reply from Crossref support: If the parent DOI is not registered with us, you will not be able to make reference deposit. Publishers who participate in cited-by service can make reference deposit using the simple text query form. Researches can use that form to look up a DOI for given reference.

2). Please provide Abbreviation section.
A list of abbreviations has been added after the Conclusions.

3). Please include a statement in the manuscript to confirm whether any ethics approval was required for use of cell lines in this study.
In the end of the Cell lines and culture conditions section, this explanation has been added:
All cell lines used in the study were established and already published on (see above). No ethical permits were therefore required for their use in the current study.

On behalf of the authors,