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Response to Editorial Request

Our point-by-point response to the editorial request has been provided below. Each response starts with a numbered RESPONSE and is underlined. In each response, the sentence copied from the manuscript is always placed within the bold quotation marks.

Sincerely,

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**Editorial request 1:** Please ensure that there are authors' contributions for all of the authors. We believe there is one author missing from the section.

**RESPONSE 1:** All of the authors’ contributions have been described in the revised manuscript. Please see below for the revised version.

“LV, KNZ, PPM, PTS and CC contributed to the conception and design of the study. AA prepared 32 breast tumour specimens. PTS and SRL prepared 39 RNA of breast tumour specimens. CC designed and performed the experiments, collected the data, conducted the data analysis and interpretation, and wrote the manuscript. All authors critically reviewed the manuscript and approved the final version for publication.”