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Dear Editors:

Thank you again for your letters concerning our manuscript entitled “High level of serum apolipoprotein A-I is a favorable prognostic factor for overall survival in esophageal squamous cell carcinoma”. The comment is valuable. We have made corrections, which we hope will be met with approval. The point-by-point answers to the comments and suggestions are listed below.

Editors request:

Please include a statement to clarify that informed consent was also obtained at the start of the study and throughout from the patients (in addition to the controls) or explain why this is not the case. Please state in the manuscript whether this was written consent.

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out, we take the requested comments into consideration and made changes in the methods (Page 5, line 112-120). In our study, informed consent was obtained from each of the patients and healthy participants at the start of the study, and all of them provided written informed consent. Furthermore, inform consent and survival status was verified again through direct telecommunication with the patient or their family in the last follow-up.

Finally, we very much appreciate your and the referees time in reviewing our manuscript. We are looking forward to hearing from you regarding your final decision.

With kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely

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