Title: High level of serum apolipoprotein A-I is a favorable prognostic factor for overall survival in esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

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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”. 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.

Editorial requirements:

1. In the Competing Interests section you state that there are no non-financial competing interests. Can you clarify in that section that there are also no financial competing interests as well?

Answer: Thank you for pointing this out, we have clarify that there are also no financial competing interests as well in the manuscript (Page 12, line 294-295).

2. In the Declarations section please include an "Availability of data and materials" sub-section. Please detail where the data supporting your findings can be found (including information found in any supplementary files). If you do not wish to share your data, please state (in the ?Availability of data and Materials? section) that data will not be shared, and state the reason. If all the data supporting your findings is contained within the manuscript, please state so in the ?Availability of data and materials? section. Please note that identifying/confidential patient data should not be shared.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion about the dataset of our findings. We added an sub-section of "Availability of data and materials" in the manuscript (Page 12, line 289-291). Due to ethical restrictions, the raw data underlying this paper are available upon request to the corresponding author.

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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