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Point-by-point response to the editor’s comments

1. It has come to our attention that throughout the manuscript there is significant text overlap (37%), particularly the Methods section and the last paragraph of the Results section, with your previous publication: http://clincancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/19/6/1389 While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please be informed that we cannot proceed with handling your manuscript before this issue is resolved, and the sections of text in question have been reformulated. If this study uses methodology from a previously published work, please provide a summarizing statement in the methodology together with a citation to the original paper. We also recommend that you acknowledge your previously published paper in these sections by stating "As previously described..." along with a citation. Response: We really appreciate the editor’s kind reminder and helpful suggestion. We apologize for such a serious issue even for the Methods section. We are aware that originality is the main principle with no exception for all original articles. According to the principle and the editor’s advices, we rephrased our statement in the revised Materials and Methods (page 3-5) and Results (page 10, line 14-21).

2. In the Methods section, please provide a catalogue number for the cell lines that were obtained from ATCC. Response: We thank the editor for the kind suggestion. As indicated, we have added the information of cell lines in the revised Materials and Methods (page 3-4).