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We would first like to express our sincere gratitude for appreciating the strength of present study. We have revised our manuscript, wherever possible, based on the comments from the editor and reviewer.
We tried to make accurate statements as possible using the term “mutation in genes within the pathway”. However, because the term made a sentence a little too long, we couldn’t change the whole manuscript. But we tried as much as possible to change the term and we believe readers could understand what our intention is.

As only 9 patients had SMAD4 mutation, we couldn’t sub-analyze the meaning of each mutation. But we strongly agree with the reviewer that not all genes have the same consequences nor do all mutations within a given gene have the same consequences.