Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Reviewer,

We are appreciating your comments and suggestion, which, we think, is really helpful to improve our paper. Following your suggestion, we have made some adjustment and revision as below:

1. In your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section of your declarations please confirm whether written or verbal consent was obtained from participants. If written consent was not obtained, please explain why not.
Response: Thanks for your suggestion! All experimental protocols involving human tissue samples were reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committee of The Affiliated Cancer Hospital of Xiangya School of Medicine, Central South University. Informed consent to participate was obtained from all patients. The project approval document of the Ethics Committee is numbered as 2016-00030. And we also provided the written approval.
2. In your response letter, we note that you stated “No isoforms were identified after bioinformatics analysis, although we did find an external reference matched to transcript ENST00000511846, namely, ENSG00000251128, which locates on the same region with ENST00000511846 on Chromosome 4: 183,233,628-183,240,634 reverse strand.” Please ensure that this statement is also made in the main text of your manuscript.
Response: Thanks for your suggestion! And the statement has been added in the last paragraph of the background section of the manuscript.