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Thanks for considering our paper! We appreciate all the comments that led to the improvement of the quality of this research.

Editor Comments:

1. Please include a List of Abbreviations to follow the Conclusions section.

Authors’ response: A list of abbreviations is added after the conclusion section, as requested.

2. In the Funding section of the Declarations please indicate the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript. If no specific funding was received for this study, please clearly indicate this in the Funding section.

Authors’ response: The received funds from “Tuberculosis and Lung Disease Research Center” of Tabriz University of Medical Sciences were solely consumed for the collection of the patients and their laboratory assays, under the “declarations” section, “Role of funding sources”.

3. Please include the tables once in the manuscript and not as separate files too.
Authors’ response: We have all the Tables included in the manuscript.

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Authors’ response: A clean version is uploaded.

Reviewer 1:

Deepak Parashar, Ph.D (Reviewer 1): The revised manuscript is interesting and well conducted. Authors found a significant relationship between miR-222 and BRAFV600E mutation and significantly higher levels of miR-181a with increasing tumor size in PTC patients.

Authors provide proper response of comments that is highly appreciable.

In general, I believe that this manuscript is appropriate, well described and has merits for publication

Authors’ response: Thanks for your time and helpful comments.

Reviewer 2:

Eugenia Allegra, MD (Reviewer 2): The authors gave the exhaustive answers.

Authors’ response: Thanks for your time and helpful comments.