Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for providing us an opportunity to revise the manuscript. We revised the manuscript and listed our point-to-point response to editor’s comments in the rebuttal letter. We believe that our manuscript has been strengthened that were performed in response to reviewers’ critiques.
We would like to submit this revised manuscript to BMC Cancer, and hope it is acceptable for publication. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Thanks again and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best Regards

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Point-to-point response to editor’s comments

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Answer: We rewrote most parts of the Methods section and cited the source.

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