Author’s response to reviews

Title: Identification of differentially expressed lncRNAs and mRNAs in luminal-B breast cancer by RNA-sequencing

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Dear editors and reviewers,

Many thanks for your high efficiency of work and good suggestions. We have revised the manuscript according to the comments and the recommendations suggested by the editors and reviewers. We use ‘Track changes’ model to show the part that we revised in the manuscript.

The responses to the editors' comments are as follows:
1. We notice significant text overlap between your manuscript and previously published materials. Please reformulate the large sections of overlapping text present in your Methods and Conclusions sections. Please ensure that, where relevant, these sources are also referenced as appropriate.

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   Response: Thanks for your comment. We have revised our manuscript to reduce the overlap.

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Response: Thanks for your comment. As your request, we have amended table 1.

3. In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: Thanks for your comment. We have added the description of the role of the funding body in the Funding section as follows: The funding body had no role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

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Response: Thanks for your comment. We have revised the Availability of data statement as follows: The raw-data have been uploaded to Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) (GSE139274, https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE139274).

5. We note that two authors, Ning Zou and Nai-Dan Zhang, have the same initials. Please distinguish between them by designating them with numbers 1 and 2. For example: NZ1 and NZ2. NZ1 would correspond to the author furthest up on the author list.

Response: Thanks for your comment. We have revised the Authors’ contributions as follows: CY and NZ2 made substantial contributions to conception and design. CY, XJ and YY performed the experiment. JE, NZ1 and XL collected and analyzed the data. WW and YL interpreted the data. All authors were involved in drafting and revising the manuscript and gave final approval of the manuscript.

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Response: Thanks for your comment. A clean revised manuscript have been uploaded in the submission system.

Thank you again for your great help and attention. I am looking forward to hearing from you about the final decision.

Best regards and wishes!

Yours sincerely,

Ning Zou