Author’s response to reviews

Title: LncRNA CASC 2 is upregulated in aphthous stomatitis and predicts the recurrence

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Dear editor and reviewers,

Thanks a lot for your comments. Following your instructions, we took advantage of your and the reviewers’ constructive criticisms and have revised the manuscript accordingly. We have carefully revised the manuscript.

They would like you to include the following things in your manuscript:
1. The potential risks of using thalidomide as a treatment
Response: We added “It is known that thalidomide may cause life-threatening human birth defects, fatigue, sleepiness, weakness, confusion and mood changes”

2. Whether you took any extra precautions in your use of thalidomide, due to the history and potential dangers associated with it. If so, what precautions did you take? If you did not take any precautions, please explain why.
Response: We added “To reduce side effects, aspirin, or products containing aspirin, other medications that may cause drowsiness and alcohol were avoided during medication.”

3. A detailed patient selection criteria based on these concerns (i.e. the use of thalidomide. For example, was pregnancy an exclusion criteria when selecting the participants of your study? etc.)
Response: We added—“Patients who were taking aspirin and any medications that may cause drowsiness were excluded. Pregnant females were also excluded.”

4. A section in discussion (or methods) with an explanation to avoid presenting (and endorsing) a message that it is completely safe to use thalidomide to treat everyone
Response: We added—“However, it is worth noting that thalidomide is not safe for everyone.”

Thank you very much for your effort on our behalf. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,