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Dear editors,

Thank you for your email on April 5, 2019 that you would consider the revised version of our manuscript entitled “LncRNA-miRNA-mRNA expression variation profile in the urine of calcium oxalate stone patients” (ID: MGNM-D-18-00311R1). Here, we are very grateful for the opportunity to present you an updated revised version. We have revised our manuscript thoroughly and answered the editor’s comments point-by-point as fully as possible. The corrected parts with track changes are included in the revised manuscript and a single clean version of
revised manuscript without tracked changes was also uploaded. Other requested “following corrections” were also revised to meet the journal's requirements. It is our hope that the revised manuscript is now satisfactory and suitable for publication. Thank you and all the reviewers for the kind advice.

Yours sincerely,

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Here below is our description on revision according to the comments.

Response to the editor’s comments:

1. It has come to our attention that within your Methods and Discussion there is significant text overlap with other publications, particularly:


While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please re-phrase this section in your own words to avoid direct overlap (please note, we cannot accept direct textual overlap with any previously published works even if the authors of the work are yourselves). Please be informed that we cannot proceed with handling your manuscript before this issue is resolved, and the sections of text in question have been reformulated.

Response: Thanks for your kind remind. This is indeed a serious issue and it is shameful to be informed the existence of some words or expressions overlap. We have tried our best to check and re-phrase the corresponding text according to your concerns and we hope that the revised text will meet your demand now. (Methods section: line 127-133, line 136-140, page6, line 143-
2. In the “Funding” section of your declarations, please clarify 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 advice. In this study, the fund was mainly used for microarray analysis and examinations of subjects in study such as CT scan and chemical composition of urinary stones. We have added these statements in the funding section of the revised manuscript (Funding section, line 438, page 20).

3. We note that you have not included a ‘Consent for publication’ section in the Declarations. If identifying images or other personal or clinical details of participants are presented that compromise anonymity, a statement of consent to publish from the patient should be included. This section must be included even if it is not applicable to your manuscript. If consent to publish is not applicable to your manuscript please write ‘Not Applicable’ in this section.

Response: Thanks for your comments. Because consent to publish is not applicable to our manuscript, we have added ‘Not Applicable’ in this section of the revised manuscript (Consent for publication section, line 424, page 20).

4. We note that you have not included an acknowledgements section. If you have no acknowledgement please put ‘Not Applicable’ in this section.

Response: Thanks for your kind remind. Because no acknowledgement existed in our study, we have added ‘Not Applicable’ in acknowledgement section of the revised manuscript (Acknowledgement section, line 442, page 21).

5. Please include a statement in the Authors' contributions section to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

Response: Thanks for your advice. All authors had read and approved the final version of the manuscript. The corresponding statement was added into the Authors' contributions section (Authors' contributions section, line 450, page 21).
6. Thank you for providing your response to reviewers and title page as supplementary files. However, at this stage it is not required and so we kindly ask that you remove it from your manuscript.

Response: Thanks for your kind remind. We had remove the title page from supplementary files in manuscript.