Author’s response to reviews

Title: Identification of biomarkers and drug repurposing candidates based on an immune-, inflammation- and membranous glomerulonephritis-associated triplets network for membranous glomerulonephritis

Authors:

Chengwei Zhang (zhangchengwei1981@163.com)
Lei Leng (15845008513@163.com)
Zhaozheng Li (15776481720@163.com)
Yao Zhao (13946181188@163.com)
jundong jiao (jundongjiao@126.com)

Version: 3 Date: 22 Dec 2019

Author’s response to reviews:

Executive Editors of the BMC Medical Genomics Issue

RE: Submission of the revised version of the manuscript (MGNM-D-19-00208) titled “Identification of biomarkers and drug repurposing candidates based on an immune-, inflammation- and membranous glomerulonephritis-associated triplets network for membranous glomerulonephritis” by Zhang et al.

Dear Editor(s) at BMC Medical Genomics:

Thank you for your editorial efforts regarding our manuscript and for your offer to accept a suitably revised version. In addition, we thank the referees for their constructive comments. We have introduced changes to strengthen the manuscript by responding to the points and concerns raised by the editor.

Our point-by-point responses to the editor’ comments and revisions are given below. Any changed text in the revised manuscript and responses to referees has been marked in RED. The revised manuscript and our responses to the editor have been reviewed by several professionals and a commercial copyediting service (AJE Editing Services, certificate Verification Number: F442-A99B-C02D-F4AC-27EE), to avoid any potential academic or grammatical errors.

We believe that the manuscript to be greatly strengthened by the critique of the editor and hope that you will now find it acceptable for publication. Again, we thank you and the referees for your careful review and helpful comments on our work.

Respectfully yours,
Jundong Jiao, Ph.D., and the director of the hospital
The Second Affiliated Hospital of Harbin Medical University
Harbin, Heilongjiang 150006, P.R. China
Email: jundongjiao@126.com

Reply to Assistant Editor

1) Abstract
Please ensure that the Abstract entered into your manuscript is the same as that entered into the submission system.
REPLY: We sincerely appreciate the editor’s careful suggestion. We have ensure the abstract in our manuscript is the same as that in the submission system.

2) Availability of data and materials
Your current statement in the Availability of data and materials section is incorrect. All manuscripts must include an ‘Availability of data and materials’ statement. Data availability statements should include information on where data supporting the results reported in the article can be found including, where applicable, hyperlinks to publicly archived datasets analysed or generated during the study. By data we mean the minimal dataset that would be necessary to interpret, replicate and build upon the findings reported in the article. We recognise it is not always possible to share research data publicly, for instance when individual privacy could be compromised, and in such instances data availability should still be stated in the manuscript along with any conditions for access.
Please provide direct web links or accession numbers to the datasets analysed in your study in the Availability of data and materials section of your manuscript, including the full name of the repository or database from which these datasets were obtained. Please ensure all data is already released and that any accession numbers/web links are in the ‘Availability of Data and Materials’ in their final form, and that all web links and accessions allow access to public data.
Your data availability statements can take the following form: ‘The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are available in the [NAME] repository, [PERSISTENT WEB LINK TO DATASETS]’.
REPLY: We sincerely appreciate the editor’s suggestion. We have revised the manuscript as follows: All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article supplementary table 1, 2 and 3. The Gene Expression Omnibus (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/) datasets analyzed during this study are under the following accession GSE99340 [19].

3) Authors' contributions
Please note the order of initials when referring to an author in the Authors' contributions should be [first initial of first name][first initial of last name]. Please amend the order of initials in regard to each author as appropriate.
REPLY: We sincerely appreciate the editor’s suggestion. We have revised the manuscript as follows: JJ and CZ conceived and designed the experiments, CZ, LL, ZL and YZ analysed the data, and CZ and YZ wrote the manuscript. All authors have read and approved the manuscript.

4) Figures
a) As per our submission guidelines, we require that all figures, tables and additional files be cited in the text in sequence in a manuscript. Figure 3F and Figure 4E are currently not cited in your manuscript. Please ensure that they are appropriately cited within the main body of text in your manuscript.
b) Figures 3E and 3F are missing from the Figure 3 in your manuscript. Please include these in Figure 3. If you no longer wish to include them in your manuscript, please remove their legends from the legend for Figure 3 and remove their in-text citations.

REPLY: We sincerely appreciate the editor’s careful suggestion. We are sorry for our mistakes. We have checked all the cited figures and tables. We have revised the figures and manuscript.

5) At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Should you wish to respond to these revision requests, please put your responses to the reviewers'/editors’ comments in the Response to Reviewers box in Editorial Manager. Please do not upload a separate letter.

REPLY: We sincerely appreciate the editor’s constructive suggestion. We have uploaded our manuscript and response as editor mentioned.

Lastly, we sincerely appreciate the editor’s efforts for this manuscript.