

Answering Reviewers

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Reviewer's code: 02446280

We thank the reviewer for the suggestions. As suggested we made the manuscript more comprehensive.

In particular,

- 1) In the introduction we specified that **BRAF, KIT, NRAS, PTEN, P53, TERT, and MITF are master transcription regulators**
- 2) In the paragraph "RUNX2 in melanoma" we added the following sentence "**Notably RUNX2 stimulates VEGF gene expression (REF) upregulation of angiogenesis, consequent to RUNX2 overexpression, may represent a critical step for tumor metastasis**"

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We thank the reviewer for appreciating our paper