

Comments to authors:

In Methods, the authors explain that hsa_circ_0000745 expression levels are shown as $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ referring to the study by Yang and colleagues (Tumour Biol. 2016; 37: 1183-1188), but in which RNA levels are shown as ΔCt values. Higher ΔCt values mean lower RNA expression levels (Tumour Biol. 2016; 37: 1183-1188, Clinica Chimica Acta 2017; 466: 167–171). These findings generate a discrepancy between authors' interpretations and Figure 4.

Answer:

Thanks for your suggestion. There was really a discrepancy in our description. Higher ΔCt values mean lower RNA expression levels, while higher $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ values mean higher RNA expression levels. We showed hsa_circ_0000745 expression levels as $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ values. We have corrected the description in materials and methods.