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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In Methods, the authors explain that hsa\_circ\_0000745 expression levels are shown as 2- $\Delta\Delta C_t$  referring to the study by Yang and colleagues (Tumour Biol. 2016; 37: 1183-1188), but in which RNA levels are shown as  $\Delta C_t$  values. Higher  $\Delta C_t$  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.