Dear Editor,

We have just successfully retrieved the edited pathological figures from the pathological department yesterday (manuscript ID 68081). After noticing the EIC's notes we discovered the re-review process will be exempt. So we guess it might not be very necessary to make a point-to-point response to reviewer this time. Again, we thank the effort made from both parts.

Points are noted here:

- 1. The PNI information was not all available for every patient in the current dataset.
- 2. The degree of freedom seems not that necessary since we noticed the previous publications were not required this column, either.
- 3. The pathological figure 1 has just been reorganized, this is the reason for our delay.
- 4. Self-citation was within the tolerance, please recheck
- 5. Dr. Li Zhang does not have an ORCID, but the area was incorrect and obligatory. Can we deal this part later (or we could add this during the proof)?

Best regards,

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