Wuhan, June 18, 2020

Thank you for your helpful suggestion, we have carefully revised our manuscript with changes highlighted in yellow. The point-by-point response to editor are as follows:

**1. You wrote a nice paper. However, there is one point you must assess statistically: compare rt-PCR and WB results in 1/3 of PE patients who showed IHC expression (9/28 PE patients)! Also vs normotensive group. Even if there will b e no correlation you should place this evaluation in your paper. Show also IHC figuree in PE patient who did NOT present immunoreactivity!**

Response:

Thank you for your helpful suggestion.

We have added tissue section of PE without immunoreactivity in Figure 1C and immunohistochemical scores in preeclampsia placentas and normotensive placentas in Figure 1D.

**2. Minor points: yellow marks - my changes - you may accept them or not, green marks - add info or not clear enough.**

Response:

Thank you for your useful suggestion.

I accepted all yellow marks and made changes. For the green mark, I made changes to make the meaning clearer.

**3. et al. place in italics; in table significance marks should placed at high index.**

Response:

Thank you for your valuable feedback.

All et al. have been italicized. Significance marks are shown in bold in table.

**4. If you arer quick, your paper will be accepted for publication for issue 2/2020 FHC and published in 2 weeks in Pubmed.**

Response:

Thank you for your consideration. The issues raised by the dear editor were very valuable for improving the manuscript. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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