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Dear Editor,

I am writing to resubmit our manuscript, titled “RADAR: An integrative framework for variant annotation and prioritization in post-transcriptional regulome of RNA binding proteins” for the exclusive consideration of publication in Genome Biology.

We have responded to all the comments in a point by point fashion, and included relevant figures to support our responses. We want to highlight several main points regarding our revisions:

- We resubmit our revised manuscript as a software article and provide both online and command line versions of our software with relevant data and detailed documentation.
- We have rebuilt RADAR scores based on only K562/HepG2 data and compared their performances on variants in liver. Results showed that RADAR can provide biologically relevant results when using matched data.
- We have additionally added FATHMM-MKL as another comparison method.
- We have explained the binding peak weighting scheme more clearly and added more analyses to demonstrate that RADAR can capture the true biology of RBPs.
- We have added more text and supplementary figures to show the uniqueness and novelty of RADAR against previous efforts, such as FunSeq2.
- We have revised the methods section to better describe how we score variants using RADAR.

We also would like to emphasize that RADAR is unique due to its focus on the post-transcriptional level, while most current methods are focused on transcriptional level regulation. We make available all the results on our website (radar.gersteinlab.org) and the Gerstein lab GitHub (<https://github.com/gersteinlab/RADAR>).

Please note that new/updated figures are an important part of our response letter, but we were unsure where to upload them in the resubmission process; thus, we decided to upload a pdf version of the response letter under the category of personal cover letter. We appreciate your time and consideration. Please address all correspondence to pi@gersteinlab.org.

Many thanks,
Mark Gerstein