Response to reviewer 1:

We thank the Reviewer for the positive feed back and for pointing out that "The authors provide appropriate and adequate references to related and previous work, giving the reader a clear sense of the current state of the field and how the current work builds on existing knowledge. The introduction provides a clear and concise explanation of the significance of exploring the expressed genome in malignant mesothelioma. The work is well organized and comprehensively described, making it easy to follow the authors' thought process and reasoning. The article is scientifically sound and not misleading, providing appropriate and adequate references to related and previous work. The English used throughout the review is correct and readable, with no grammatical errors or awkward phrasing. The quality of the English language is high…. The authors' focus on the expression of transposable elements and endogenous retroviruses in mesothelioma is particularly novel and adds to our understanding of the disease."

Concerning the suggested references to add unfortunately the ID provided do not correspond to any study related to the topic so they could not be added.