

1 We thank all the reviewers for the helpful comments. Here, we address the main concerns raised by the reviewers.

## 2 To Reviewer # 4

- 3 • [Additional discussion related to  $\tau$ ] Any  $\tau$  that is less than the ground truth one is sufficient; in practice, one can  
4 start with a large  $\tau$  and decay its value until the algorithm finds a parameter that fits  $\tau n$  samples. That being said,  
5 of course a better estimate of  $\tau$  means ILTS needs fewer samples. Additionally, the fraction of corruptions should  
6 always be no larger than a constant fraction of the interested component. Otherwise, it is impossible to identify if a  
7 mixture component comes from an adversary or not.
- 8 • [Compare with [14]] The computational complexity of [14] is **not** cheaper than ours. More specifically, in the  
9 “computation” column, the  $n$  in each row represents the sample complexity of the corresponding algorithm. For [14],  
10 the  $n$  in term  $nd$  has an exponential dependency on  $m$ . We will make this clearer in the revised version.
- 11 • [Claim about nearly-optimal computation] We would like to point out that the computation used in the global step  
12 is not due to any trade-off between sample-efficiency and computation. Instead, it is related to the hardness of the  
13 problem in the general setting. Also, from a practical standpoint, our algorithm is easily parallelizable (while [14] is  
14 not).
- 15 • [About  $\epsilon$ -net] The  $\epsilon$ -net is applied to a  $O(m)$ -dimensional subspace, where  $m$  is the number of mixtures. The mixed  
16 linear regression problem gets much harder as  $m$  gets larger. In this general setting,  $\epsilon$ -net may not be an overkill.  
17 One intuition (also mentioned in [14]) is that recovering  $m$  Gaussian mixture models in general requires at least  
18 exponential in  $m$  number of samples. We consider the general setting, and hope the local/global analysis in this paper  
19 can shed light on understanding the structure of the problem. That being said, if additional assumptions (e.g., all  
20 components are orthogonal to each other) are added to the problem, there may exist more efficient approaches.
- 21 • [Writing of technical part and notations] We will keep improving the presentation of the technical part according  
22 to the reviewer’s suggestion. In the current version, we try to make our notation self-contained: for example, the  
23  $\star$  in the superscript is used to denote “oracle knowledge” –  $\theta_{(j)}^\star$  is the ground truth parameter for the  $j$ -th mixture  
24 component,  $S_{(j)}^\star$  is the ground truth index set of samples that belong to the  $j$ -th mixture,  $R^\star$  is the underlying index  
25 set of adversary samples.

## 26 To Reviewer # 5

- 27 • [Additional informal statements of Theorems 7 and 11 to improve readability.] We thank the reviewer for the kind  
28 suggestion. We will give an informal statement of our main results in the introduction section to improve readability.
- 29 • [ $c_0$  in Theorem 7]  $c_0$  is a constant such that  $\kappa_t < 1$ , and such a  $c_0$  corresponds to an upper bound on  $c_j$ , i.e., the  
30 local region. We will add more detailed description to explain this Theorem in our revised version.
- 31 • [Explicit dependency on failure probability  $\delta$ ] High probability in all our arguments means with probability at least  
32  $1 - n^{-c}$  (i.e.,  $\delta = n^{-c}$ ) for any given constant  $c$ . We did not write out the dependency explicitly because it contributes  
33 an additive factor of  $\log d$  and is not the dominant term in the final expression for  $n$ . More intuitively speaking, our  
34 sample complexity is in the form of  $d + \log(1/\delta)$ , instead of  $d \log(1/\delta)$ . That being said, adding the dependency on  
35  $\delta$  would make our results more sensible, and we will add it in our revised version.
- 36 • [Typos] We will fix the typos and correct the confusing sentences as pointed out by the reviewer. “centered sphere”  
37 in line 5 of Algorithm 2 means the sphere with origin as its center.

## 38 To Reviewer # 6

- 39 • [Optimality of  $\gamma^\star$ ] Our main convergence theorem holds when the corruption ratio is a constant fraction of the size of  
40 the interested mixture component. This corruption level is order-wise optimal. That being said, it is interesting to  
41 study other algorithms that can tolerate larger corruption ratio than ILTS does, in the mixed linear regression setting.
- 42 • [Numerical evaluations] We agree with the reviewer that adding rigorous numerical evaluations for ILTS and compare  
43 it with others in terms of scalability can be very helpful. We would like to add this section in our future versions. For  
44 the current paper, we would like to focus on the theoretical results, which may provide insights to understanding the  
45 mixed linear regression problem and the ILTS algorithm.