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Dear Journal Editorial Office

(BMC Cancer)

Thank you so much for your kind invitation to submit our revised manuscript.

We here submit the revised manuscript, together with point-by-point account of how we have responded. We sincerely hope that this manuscript meets with your approval.

Line Numbering.
Revised manuscript include continuous line and page numbers without insertion of page breaks.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Enclosed please find the manuscript entitled

“Cancer stem-like sphere cells induced from de-differentiated hepatocellular carcinoma-derived cell lines possess the resistance to anti-cancer drugs” which is respectfully submitted for consideration in the journal, *BMC Cancer*.

Recent research has focused on cancer stem cells (CSCs) to increase our understanding of the characteristics of cancers including hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). In this study, based on the concept of cancer plasticity, we developed a novel method for induction of cancer stem-like chemoresistant sphere cells from cell lines derived from advanced HCC involving short-term cultivation using a unique sphere induction medium. Our study support cancer plasticity model and enhance the study of CSCs. We therefore consider submission of this paper worthwhile.

We sincerely hope that this manuscript meets with your approval.

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