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Dear editors:

Thanks a lot for your acceptance of our manuscript (1320209177310605). Please find its final version. The following are our point-point-by-point responses to reviewer’s comments and your required formatting changes. We appreciate your kind help of this manuscript.

Thank you very much.

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**Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)**

The authors have generally addressed the questions raised during the previous review. On remaining question involves the statement in the legend of Figure 1C that levels of Bak protein were significantly higher in transfected cells than controls (p < 0.01). It is not clear how this was quantified. Was densitometric analysis used?

**Response:** As a routine, the BAK protein was quantified with densitometric analysis. We have stated this in the “Methods” part. In addition, we added it in the “Results” part (page 7) in this final version.

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