Author's response to reviews

Title: Inhibition of Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor Decreases Proliferation and Cytokine Expression in Bladder Cancer Cells.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is our manuscript “Inhibition of Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor Decreases Proliferation and Cytokine Expression in Bladder Cancer Cells.” for review by the editorial board of BMC Cancer. In this study, we provide evidence that inactivating MIF produced by HT-1376 cells results in a decrease in proliferation and synthesis of pro-inflammatory cytokines. In addition we demonstrate the presence of MIF protein and mRNA in the normal human bladder. These findings are relevant to bladder cancer.

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We look forward to the review of our manuscript. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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