Author’s response to reviews

Title: JTE-522, a selective COX-2 inhibitor, inhibits growth of pulmonary metastases of colorectal cancer in rats.

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Dear Editor,

We appreciate your kind letter of February 19, 2005 regarding our manuscript #1014057804611616.

We are sending the revised manuscript. The manuscript was revised along with reviewer’s comments. We also made the formatting changes according to the request, and corrected grammatical errors as far as we could.

Response to the reviewer and point of revisions are summarized in this cover letter.

We hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in the “BMC Cancer”.

Sincerely yours,
Hirotoshi Kobayashi, M.D.

Response to the reviewer and summary of revisions are as follows:

**Response to the reviewer**

We appreciate for your comments. According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we mentioned the effects of rofecoxib on liver metastases in colon cancer in discussion section, and added two papers to the references.

**Summaries of revisions**

First of all, we made formatting changes according to the request.
1) In references 19, 20, and 28, we added all the author’s names, and deleted “et al.” in the EndNote record.
2) We place a full stop at the end of each figure title.
3) Table 1 was corrected according to the request.
Abstract
P 2, line 17: changed “p=0.0001” to “p = 0.0001”
P 2, line 18: changed “p=0.0002” to “p = 0.0002”

Background
P 2, line 33: corrected “colorectal” to “colorectal”
P 3, line 17: changed “secondary” to “secondarily”.
P 3, line 17: deleted “However”.
P 3, line 17: changed “it would make them strained” to “but it is also a stressful event”
P 3, line 21: changed “is” to “was”.
P 3, line 23: changed “is” to “was”.

Methods
P 4, line 6: changed “3-micron” to “3-µm”
P 4, line 14: changed “Sections of 3 micrometers thick” to “Sections 3 µm thick”
P 4, line 17: changed “mmol” to “mmol/L”
P 4, line 25: changed “followed by” to “or”.

Results
P 5, line 7: changed “p=0.0001” to “p = 0.0001”
P 5, line 9: changed “p=0.0002” to “p = 0.0002”

Discussion
P 5, line 26: added “the”.
P 5, line 33: added “the”.
P 5, line 37: changed “They counted macroscopic metastatic tumors” to “They macroscopically counted the metastatic tumors”.
P 5, line 46: changed “vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)” to “VEGF”.
P 6, line 16: changed “that JTE-522 that suppressed” to “that JTE-522 suppressed”.
P 6, line 23: changed “was” to “is”.
P 6, line 24: changed “was” to “is”.
P 6, line 25: changed “was” to “is”.
P 6, line 26: changed “were” to “are”.
P 6, line 28: changed “were” to “are”.
P 6, line 30: changed “a key of” to “the key for”
P 6, line 34: changed “might be not so strong” to “might not be so strong”.
P 6, line 37: changed “relapse of rectal polyps’ number” to “relapse of rectal polyps”.
P 6, line 41 – 46: added a description regarding the effects of rofecoxib on liver metastases in colon cancer.

**Conclusions**

P 7, line 2: added “In conclusion,”