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Dear Sirs:

Please find attached our final draft of “Comparative Effects of Alpha- and Gamma-Tocopherol on Proliferation and Apoptosis in Human Colon Cancer Cell Lines” for publication to Biomed Central Cancer.

The manuscript for submission was prepared in MS Word 2003 format with Reference Manager 9.5 citations. The table is in MS Word 2003 format as well: Table I.wpd. The figures have been prepared in MS Powerpoint 2000 format and include: Composite Figure 1.ppt, Composite Figure 2.ppt, Composite Figure 3, Composite Figure 4, Composite Figure 5, Composite Figure 6, Composite Figure 7. Should the composite images require enlargement, we can submit it in sections. Please let us know if you feel that is necessary.

Our manuscript is the first to show that gamma tocopherol may be used to reduce cell proliferation and induce apoptosis in colon cancer cells without affecting normal colon cells. This work demonstrates the both pharmacological and physiological potential of gamma tocopherol as a chemopreventive and adjuvant chemotherapeutic in colon cells. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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