Author's response to reviews

Title: Antisense oligonucleotides and all-trans retinoic acid have a synergistic anti-tumor effect on oral squamous cell carcinoma

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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for all these important comments and suggestions from the two reviewers. We have carefully read through the comments, and revised our manuscript according to the reviewers’ notion. The followings are our point-by-point response to the concerns.

1. Response to Dr. Sugawara Akira’s question about “method for ATRA administration”, we have clarified it in the “Method” section and marked it in bold.

2. Response to Dr. Sugawara Akira’s question about “treatment in control group”, we have changed our way to explicate it more accurately and marked it in bold in the “Method” section. We are sorry we didn’t describe it clearly and made reader a little confused. Actually, the sentence in our previous manuscript “control group received no treatment” meant “control group received no ODN and ATRA treatment”.

3. Response to Dr. Sugawara Akira’s question about “description of Fig. 4G”, we have clarified it in the “Figures Legends” section and marked it in bold.

4. Response to Dr. Masayasu Iwase’s question about “method for ATRA administration”, we have clarified it in the “Method” section and marked it in bold.
5. Response to Dr. Masayasu Iwase’s question about “explain of the relationship between telomerase activity and Bcl-2 expression”, we have revised our discussion section and added some new references. The changed part was marked in bold.

6. Response to Dr. Masayasu Iwase’s question about “explain of the relationship between ATRA and Bcl-2 expression”, similarly, we have revised our discussion section and added some new references (20, 21). The changed part was marked in bold.

Please let us know if the reviewers have any questions to this revised manuscript. Thanks.

Best Regards.

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