Author's response to reviews

Title: Silencing Dkk1 Expression Rescues Dexamethasone-Induced Suppression of Primary Human Osteoblast Differentiation

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Dear Dr Nguyen,

Many thanks for the recent review of our manuscript entitled ‘Silencing Dkk1 Expression Rescues Dexamethasone-Induced Suppression of Primary Human Osteoblast Function’ (MS: 1236928709370297).

As advised in your email (4th August 2010) we have revised this manuscript accordingly (corrections in grey) and resubmitted it.

We will now address each of the reviewers’ comments in order to satisfy the editorial board of this manuscript’s suitability for publication.

**Reviewer #1 Comments:** (Feng-Sheng Wang)

*Authors have improved the article.*

No further corrections.

**Reviewer #2 Comments:** (Ya-Wei Qiang)

*Several figure numbers in results sections and figure legends were not matched with accordant figure numbers in figure sections in the revised version. These unmatched numbers have to be corrected.*

All figure numbers and legends have been corrected.

*In Figure 7 and 8, the β-catenin protein level and luciferase activity were lower in siRNA expressing osteoblast cells than in scramble control. If these were not caused by mislabel siRNA group with controls, the authors should interpret the possible reasons for these unexpected results that silencing Dkk1 expression causes an decrease in β-catenin/TCF activity.*

This error was as a result of mislabelling of figures in preparing the previous revised manuscript and has now been corrected.

**Reviewer #3 Comments:** (John Shaughnessy)

*Several figure numbers in the results section and figure legends do not match with the corresponding figure numbers.*

All figure numbers and legends have been corrected.

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We hope that the aforementioned corrections to our original manuscript have sufficiently satisfied the editorial board of the BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders of this manuscript’s suitability for publication.

If you have any further queries regarding this manuscript, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Joseph S. Butler