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Dear Editor Team:

Thank you for the editor to accept our article entitled "Intraprostatic injection of botulinum toxin type-A relieves bladder outlet obstruction in human and induces prostate apoptosis in dogs" (MS: 1772383999881211). We appreciated the helpful comments of the reviewers and we have made all the recommended changes. The following are our responses (point to point) to the comments of reviewers.

Q1: change the title to reflect that induction of prostate apoptosis was found in dogs only

A1: We changes the title as "Intraprostatic injection of botulinum toxin type-A relieves bladder outlet obstruction in human and induces prostate apoptosis in dogs"

Q2: In addition to your statement of consent/ethical approval, please include a comment on the criteria/regulations in Taiwan for the use of human subjects and animals in research studies of 'unlicensed' treatments.

A2: As editor pointed out, we have addressed this issue as "Since the application of BTX-A on the treatment of lower urinary dysfunction is currently off-level use in Taiwan, it was necessary to be approved by the institutional review board for the human use and animal study. In support of evidence based medicine practices, caution should be applied until larger randomized clinical studies are completed that will guide physicians in making decisions about the use of botulinum toxin in the prostate." in the revised manuscript page 12, line 15 to page 13, line 1.

Thank you once again for the positive review and helpful comments.

Sincerely,