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Dear Editor/Ms. Puebla,

Kindly find the revised manuscript entitled “Eriobotrya japonica hydrophilic extract modulates cytokines in normal tissues and within the tumor of Meth-A-fibrosarcoma bearing mice with enhancing their survival time” for re-consideration by BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine. The authors would like thank the reviewers for their constructive comments. The manuscript is revised extensively and the language is edited. In addition, the revised version contains all the details and concerns of the one of the reviewers as well as the editorial requests.

Answers to Reviewer Prof. Hyun-Ahn:
1. More detailed discussion points on why EJHE-WR or EJHE induced TGF-# in the spleen and tumors of tumor-bearing mice after 3 days of treatment are presented in pages 18 and 19. In addition two appropriate references were added.
2. From previous experience, 1 versus 3 doses of PBS (as a control) did not cause significant modulation of cytokines than one single PBS injection, therefore, we are presenting in Figure 2 only one control group.
3. The best dose was chosen from one time point following administration of the two extracts as mentioned in the Methods and Results (page 7 and Page 10), therefore, there is no kinetic data but only cytokine modulation data per one time point. The best chosen dose was based on IFN-# induction and suppression of TGF-# levels as mentioned in page 14.

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