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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for suggesting changes again in “Competing Interest” section to state that the authors hereby declare that BTGin (Daejeon, Korea) had no role or interest in the funding, design, conduct and interpretation of our study and findings, although the private company is the manufacturer who has provided the protopanaxadiol for free for conducting this scientific study.

Thank you for suggesting changes in “Competing Interest” section to declare that the authors have no competing interests. We have made these changes in our revised manuscript. Please reconsider our manuscript for publication in your journal.

Enclosed is a manuscript titled “Neutral sphingomyelinase 2 modulates cytotoxic effects of protopanaxadiol on different human cancer cells” for consideration in your journal. This manuscript presents a novel finding among the molecular mechanisms by which the ginsenoside exerts cytotoxicity against various cancer cells. Protopanaxadiol (PPD) had cytotoxic effects against two distinct cancer cells through common mechanism(s) including the activation of neutral sphingomyelinase 2 and thereby production of intracellular ceramides. Thus, this novel mechanism could be employed as potential drug targets in cancer therapeutics.

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The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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