Reviewer's report

Title: Antitumor effect of Kanglaite injection in human pancreatic cancer xenografts

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Please see my comments below.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. In figure 1B, the data were expressed as mean +/- SD as per the text. Is that possible to get such small variability in the tumor size of each group? Based on the figure, the greatest RSD is less than 10% which is almost not possible for a xenograft model. I urge the authors to check whether SD should be SE.

2. In figure 3D, the values of the control are not the 100%. Are all the data compared with the control samples in day 0? Please clarify in the figure legend.

Minor Essential Revisions

The English should be further edited. Some examples are as follows and the authors should check the entire manuscript.

“amounts of protein were” should be “amount of protein was” (page 7)

“Differences in both parameters were analyzed for significance by Student’s t-tests” should be “Difference of parameter between two samples was compared using Student’s t-test”. (Under section of Statistical analysis)

The word of “reduction” was used to describe the tumor growth. I believe that “retardation” would be more appropriate, since all the tumors were growing.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests