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Dear Dr Rowles/Julie Anne Magtira

With reference to your email dated 3rd January 2014, the article now has been accepted the way it is by reviewer Scott A Reisman’s. However, the editorial comments are as follows:

Please confirm whether ethical approval was obtained for the use of mice in your study, and include a statement to this effect in your manuscript. Please ensure that the full name of the ethics committee that approved your study is included in this statement.

For your information we did not perform animal studies but we have obtained the
MEF cell line from Kwak Mi-kyoung and Nobunao Wakabayashi who have prepared the MEF from ICR mice. As such I have slightly revised the manuscript on the section “Materials” to be as follows.

Mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) were a kind gift from Kwak Mi-kyoung (The Catholic University of Korea, Bucheon, South Korea) and Nobunao Wakabayashi (University of Pittsburgh, USA) who have prepared the cell line from wild type (Nrf2+/+) and nrf2-disrupted (Nrf2-/-) ICR mice [22].

We really hope that the article now is deemed fit for publication in BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

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