Author's response to reviews

Title: MiR-216b inhibits cell proliferation by targeting FOXM1 in cervical cancer cells and is associated with better prognosis

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Dear Ms Jennifer Stambaugh, Editor of BMC Cancer,

Thank you very much for your e-mail and the revision comments about our paper titled “MiR-216b inhibits cell proliferation by targeting FOXM1 in cervical cancer cells and is associated with better prognosis” (BCAN-D-16-02659R1). Based on your comments and requests, we have revised the manuscript carefully.

The editorial comments and our responses were listed as follows:

Technical Comments:

1. Please have the text edited by a professional language editing service or native English speaking colleague.

Response: The editor’s suggestion is taken. The language of this manuscript is reviewed and necessary revisions have been made (“inhibiting” to “inhibits” in line 1, page 1; “corresponding”
to “correspondence” in line 25, page 1; “is” to “was” in line 3, page 3; “that” to “which” in line 14 page 4; insertion of a comma in line 4, page 6; deletion of “purchased” in line 22, page 6; “inhibit” to “inhibits” in line 28, page 10; “inhibit” to “inhibits” in line 15, page 11; insertion of “that” in line 2, page 15; insertion of “(cyclin-dependent kinases)” in line 20, page 15; revision of the sentence “because in this study, more late-stage patients were enrolled (Table 1) who receive only chemo- radiotherapy or no treatment.” in line 4 to line 6, page 17; deletion of “for” in line 15, page 17; and “is” to “was” in line 4, page 24).

2. Please revise the 'Materials and Methods' heading to 'Methods' to meet journal formatting guidelines.

Response: Thanks. We have revised the heading. Please see line 11, page 5 in the revised manuscript.

3. Please include a list of abbreviations used in the manuscript before the Declarations section.

Response: The editor’s suggestion is well taken. The list of abbreviations has been added in line 1-8, page 18.

4. Please revise the 'Human ethics and consent statement' heading to 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' to meet formatting guidelines.

Response: We have revised the heading. Please see line 11, page 18 in the revised manuscript.

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Response: Thanks. We have checked and revised the declarations section. Please find the revised declarations in page 18 and page 19.

6. Please revise the 'Conflict of Interest Statement' heading to 'Competing Interests' to meet journal formatting guidelines.

Response: We have revised the heading. Please see line 20, page 18 in the revised manuscript.

7. In the Author contributions section, please use initials instead of full names. The sentence "All authors have read and approved the final version of this manuscript" should also be included.

Response: Revised. The authors’ names has been changed and the statement been included.

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Response: We thank the editor for pointing out this important point. We have revised the “authors’ contribution” section according to ICMJE guidelines. Please find the revision in line 29, page 18 to line 7, page 19.

9. Please separate the funding information from the acknowledgements, and list it under the heading 'Funding'. If no other acknowledgements exist, please state 'Not Applicable'.

Response: We have modified the “acknowledgement” and “funding” section as required. Please see the revision in line 22-28, page 18 and line 8, page 19 in the revised manuscript.

10. Please include catalog numbers for all commercially sourced cell lines in the Methods section.

Response: Revised. The catalog number of the cell lines has been included. Please see line 14-16, page 6 in the revised manuscript.

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Response: Revised. “Additional files” section has been added as required. Please see line 19-23, page 23 in the revised manuscript.

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Response: We upload the revised manuscript as required.
The above revision was enclosed in the revised manuscript. A clean, final version of the revised manuscript was attached. Should you have any questions, please contact us without hesitate. Thank you very much.

Best Regards,

Yours sincerely

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