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Your manuscript "MicroRNA-200a confers chemoresistance by antagonizing TP53INP1 and YAP1 in human breast cancer" (BCAN-D-17-00643R2) has been assessed by our reviewers. Based on these reports, and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Cancer, once you have carried out some essential editorial revisions.

Response: We really appreciate the reviewers’ useful suggestions and the editor’s kind help.

We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of Gen-Hong Di and Zhi-Ming Shao, as currently they do not automatically qualify for authorship. Contribution to supervising the research, alone, does not usually justify authorship. An 'author' is generally considered to be someone who has made substantive intellectual contributions to a published study. According to the ICMJE guidelines, to qualify as an author one should have: a) made substantial contributions to conception and design, or acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; AND b) been involved in drafting the manuscript or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND c) given final approval of the version to be published. Each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of the content; AND d) agreed to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved. Guidance and criteria for authorship can be found here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#authorship
Response: we appreciate the editor’s kind reminder and we truly apologize for underestimating the Editorial Policies of BMC Cancer, especially the Authorship. We have relearned the policies carefully. Gen-Hong Di and Zhi-Ming Shao not only supervised the whole research, but also contributed to building the conception and design of the work. They are responsible for the conformation of the whole project. Besides, all authors participated in final approval of the version to be published and contributed to ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved. Therefore, according to policies of BMC Cancer, we believe that Gen-Hong Di and Zhi-Ming Shao are qualified as authors.

We apologize again for the misleading interpretation and we have rephrased this part in the revised Author’s contributions (page 19, line 5-10).

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Response: We appreciate the editorial’s kind reminder. As mentioned before, we won’t change our author list.