Author’s response to reviews

Title: Caffeine citrate enhanced cisplatin antitumor effects in osteosarcoma and fibrosarcoma in vitro and in vivo

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Dr. Alexandros Houssein
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Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for your prompt arrangement and thorough review of our above-referenced manuscript entitled “Caffeine citrate enhanced cisplatin antitumor effects in osteosarcoma and fibrosarcoma in vitro and in vivo”.

According to the editor and reviewers' suggestions, the manuscript has now been revised. All changes to the manuscripts were indicated using track changes. We have responded to all of the comments as follows:
Please state in the Methods section all of the anesthetic and euthanasia methods used on the animals in this study, along with the dosage, if applicable.

Response to Comment 1

Thank you for your comments. We added the euthanasia method in Methods section (page 9, line 10–11). And we didn't add the anesthetic method because we had not needed anesthesia in this study.

Please include a statement in the Authors' contributions section to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

Response to Comment 2

Thank you for your comments. We added a statement that all authors have read and approved this manuscript in the Author’s contributions section. (page 17, line 4)

The Availability of data and materials section refers to the raw data used in your study and presenting tables and figures is not sufficient to state that all data is contained within the manuscript and additional files. Please only use this statement if you have indeed provided all raw data on which your study is based. We strongly encourage all authors to share their raw data, either by providing it in a supplementary file or depositing it in a public repository and providing the details on how to access it in this section. If you do not wish to share your data, please clearly state this in this section along with a justification.

Response to Comment 3

Thank you for your comments. We rephrased and rewritten the Availability of data and materials section (page 16).
Please remove the response to reviewers' comments letter, as it is no longer needed at this stage. Please do not upload a new letter with this revision. Please put any comments you may have in the Response to Reviewers box in Editorial Manager.

Response to Comment 4

Thank you for your comments. We removed the response to reviewers’ comments letter.

[Comment 5 from Editor]

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Response to Comment 5

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[Comment 1 from Reviewer 3]

The authors have addressed many of the comments from the previous review. The results section must include the information on quantitative changes (fold changes for the figures).

Response to Comment 1

Thank you for your comments. We added the Supplemental Table S1 including the information on quantitative changes.

We thank you again for your valuable comments, which have helped improve this paper. We are now confident that the revised version will satisfy your concerns, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes and highest regards,

Sincerely yours,
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