Author’s response to reviews

Title: Role of Calcifying Nanoparticles in the Development of Testicular Microlithiasis in Vivo

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Dear editor and reviewers,

Thank you for the comments on our manuscript. We have carefully prepared a revised manuscript to address all the questions raised by the reviewers, and hope that our replies and new revision are satisfactory to you and the referees, and that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Urology.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Best regards.

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Editorial Comments:

1) Response to reviewer 2’s comment regarding ultrasound.

Answer:

Thank you for your expert opinion. According to your suggestion, we have added relevant discussion in the revised manuscript (page 12, line 5-8).

2) iThenticate report on text overlap.

Answer:

We are sorry for not citing our own paper (Qiu-Bo Xie, Gen-Sheng Lu, Bo Song, and Qing-Hua Zhang. "Role of tiny nanoparticles in the development of interstitial cystitis in an animal model", Int J Clin Exp Pathol, 2017). According to your suggestion, we have added this citation in the revised manuscript (page 7, line 13).

3) English language.

Answer:

We have asked a native speaker to proofread our manuscript.
4) Title page.

Answer:

We have removed ‘Word count of text’, ‘Word count of abstract’, ‘Keywords’, ‘Acknowledgements’ and ‘Conflicts of interest’ statements from the title page in the revised manuscript.

5) Abbreviations.

Answer:

We have check all abbreviations and revised them in the revised manuscript (page 13, line 6).

6) Declaration section:

* Ethics approval and consent to participate:

The statement on animal experimentation is satisfactorily documented. Please also include a statement regarding the ethics approval and consent obtained for the generation and preparation of human NPs. This statement should include the name of the ethics committee approving this aspect of the study, the reference number given by the ethics committee and the consent obtained.

Answer:

Thank you for your suggestive opinion. According to your suggestion, we have added the ethics approval and consent in the revised manuscript (page 6, line 9-11). The statement from the ethics committee approving this aspect of the study is also provided as a supplementary document.

7)* Consent for publication:

Please amend the wording of the declaration to ‘Not applicable’ since this declaration refers to consent to publish individual patient data (as in case reports).
* Availability of data and materials:

Please amend the current wording of the declaration to indicate where the raw data supporting the results reported can be found. Please see our submission guidelines for examples of appropriate statements:

Answer:

Thank you for your expert opinion. According to your suggestion, we have amended the wording of the declaration to ‘Not applicable’ and the current wording of the declaration in the revised manuscript.

8) Figure legends:

Please check the legend for Fig 3 regarding the arrow colours (white arrow in Fig 3C not mentioned).

Answer:

We have checked the legend for Fig 3 regarding the arrow colours and revised it (page 18, line 2).