Author’s response to reviews

Title: Danshen extract circumvents drug resistance and represses cell growth in human oral cancer cells

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Dear Editor:

We would like to return the revised manuscript entitled “Danshen extract circumvents drug resistance and represses cell growth in human oral cancer cells” (Manuscript No.: BCAM-D-17-00674R1) to BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine for the consideration of publication as an Original Article. The first, we would like to thank Editor and Reviewers for critically examining this manuscript and providing us many valuable comments and suggestions. We responded to each of the Editor and Reviewers' comments and clarified/amended every necessary part. The statements addressing the Editor and Reviewers' comments point by point have listed below and the revised text with alterations underlined and red font had uploaded. We highly appreciate your consideration and further process.

Yours truly,

Yuan-Wu Chen, DDS, PhD
Reply to Reviewer/Editor:

1. Comments to the Author: Please add a Conclusions heading after the Discussion heading, and before the text "In conclusion, this in vitro and in vivo study revealed..." in your main manuscript, in order to adhere to journal submission requirements.

Our response:

Thanks for this useful comment and suggestion and we have revised the manuscript.

Revised text:

Please see the revised manuscript, and the corrected sentences with underline and red color.

2. Comments to the Author: Please revise your Ethics statement, to account for the primary human cancer cells obtained for your experiment.

Our response:

Thanks for this useful comment and suggestion. We apology for make a mistake because of the description of methods section. We do not use primary human cancer cells in this study, and we revised the description in Methods section (cell culture) and Ethics statement.

Revised text:

Please see the revised manuscript, and the corrected sentences with underline and red color.

Methods section (cell culture):

OEC-M1 cell line was derived from oral cavity epidermal carcinoma [12], which is a generous gift from Prof. Jenn-Han Chen (National Defense Medical Center, Taiwan).

Ethics approval and consent to participate section:

Animal study: The animal use protocol listed below has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Use Committee (IACUC), National Defense Medical Center, Taipei, Taiwan (No: IACUC 16-022).
3. Comments to the Author: Please delete your supplementary files, they are no longer needed at this stage of production.

Our response:

Thanks for this useful comment and suggestion. We deleted these supplementary files. We appreciated your help to our work.

Revised text:

Not applicable.