Author’s response to reviews

Title: Plumbagin induces RPE cell cycle arrest and apoptosis via p38MARK and PI3K/AKT/mTOR signaling pathways in PVR

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Dear editor Anne Menard and reviewers,

We are very glad to know that we were given an opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled "Plumbagin induces RPE cell cycle arrest and apoptosis via p38MARK and PI3K/AKT/mTOR signaling pathways in PVR" (BCAM-D-17-00734R1). Thank you for these detailed suggestions. We have made a revision according the useful comments. The point-by-point answers were listed as below.

Editor Comments:

1. Please amend the main text headings to: Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions.
Response: Thanks for the reminding. We have revised the text headings according the requirement.

2. Please have the text edited by a professional language editing service or a native English speaking colleague. There are many issues with grammar, wording, spelling, and/or punctuation that need to be addressed.

Response: We have corrected several spelling and wording mistakes in the revised version. We feel really sorry that we did not make our manuscript smooth and accurate enough. But we will do our best to make up for this deficiency.

3. Please add a “Conclusions” section after the “Discussion” section. This should state clearly the main conclusions of the research article and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance.

Response: Thank you for your highly insightful comments. We have edited the last part of our manuscript as a “Conclusions” section.

4. Please remove any supplementary files which you do not want published, as they are no longer needed at this stage.

Response: Thank you for your suggestions. We have removed supplementary files this time.
5. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Response: We will finish the uploading according to your guidance.

Reviewer reports:

Satoru Kase (Reviewer 1): Hopefully I wanted to see how apoptosis by PLB was changed after suppression of bax.

Response: We are grateful for your positive comments regarding our research and we will make more effort in the future.

Finally, we appreciate very much for your time in editing our manuscript and the reviewers for their valuable suggestions and comments once again. I am looking forward to hearing from your final decision when it is made.

Kind regards.

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