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Cover Letter

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank Editor and Reviewers for carefully reading our manuscript. Their detailed comments are valuable and very helpful in improving the quality of our manuscript.

We have carefully checked the manuscript and the grammar mistakes have been corrected. The changes have been marked in blue in the text. We hope that Editor and Reviewers will now find it suitable for publication in BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

We look forward to your decision.

We have carefully checked the manuscript for grammatical errors.

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Editor Comments:

1. Please recheck manuscript for grammar or small mistakes, for example:

Page 24, Further mechanistic studies are needed to become sure about its cell cycle arrest mechanisms. - consider revise the word "become sure"

Answer: We would like to thank Editor for his meticulous reading of our manuscript. We have carefully checked the manuscript and correcte dthe grammar mistakes, and we have rewritten this sentence as following:

“Further mechanistic studies are needed to elucidate its cell-cycle arrest mechanisms.”

Please see page 24 lines 9-10 in the manuscript.
Page 24, Further investigations will be needed to identify the precise site of action of 2-ethoxystypandrone (1) against of HCC CSCs cells -consider revise "against of", also the word "cells" is redundant.

Answer: We thank Editor for carefully reading our manuscript. We have corrected it in the revised manuscript. Please see page 24 lines 20-21 in the manuscript.