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Dear Editor,
I am resubmitting a manuscript entitled “Mangosteen (Garcinia mangostana) flesh supplementation attenuates biochemical and morphological changes in the liver and kidney of high fat diet-induced obese rats” for publication in BMC Complementary & Alternative Medicine. The corrections made according to the comments by the Editorial office and they are listed under the item named “Response to Editorial Comments”.

This manuscript is related to the effects of G. mangostana flesh supplementation on obesity related markers in diet-induced obese rats. It is crucial to find natural therapeutic agents for the management of obesity since the ultimate consequences of obesity like cardiovascular diseases and diabetes mellitus is mushrooming. We believed that this manuscript will advance the understanding of the beneficial effects of G. mangostana flesh and offer potential for developing a more cost-effective ways for obesity management whether as a nutrient supplementation and combination therapies with synthetic drugs in the short term, and as a sole medication from natural sources over the long term.
The authors declare no conflict of interest and this manuscript has not been submitted elsewhere for publication and there are none related manuscript pertaining this study under review, in process or have been published. I declare all the co-authors have agreed for submission to BMC Complementary & Alternative Medicine and that the MS is prepared strictly according to the Journal format as provided in the instruction to authors. The authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

On behalf of the co-authors, I would like to thank you in advance for the time and effort you expend considering this manuscript for publication.

Yours sincerely,
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RESPONSES TO EDITORIAL COMMENTS

1. The role of the funding body in the design of study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript has been included in the Funding section, line 497-498, page 23.

2. A botanist who undertook the formal identification of the samples has been included in the Methods section, line 143, page 6.

3. The response to reviewers/ARRIVE has been removed from the supplementary files.

4. The tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours have been removed from the manuscript. The clean versions of tables and Figures have been uploaded.