Author’s response to reviews

Title: Sema3A Drastically Suppresses Tumor Growth in Oral Cancer Xenograft Model of Mice

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Dear chief editor,

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to revise this manuscript. We sincerely appreciate the critiques, comments and suggestions of the reviewers and editor.

In response to the editor and reviewers’ comments, we have revised the manuscript.

We believe that we have addressed all the issues raised by the reviewers and editor and that the revised manuscript is significantly improved. We appreciate your re-evaluation of the revised manuscript for publication in the BMC Pharmacology and Toxicology

Sincerely,

Jian-Hua Huang, M.D., Ph.D
Response to editor

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Response: We include the title page in the manuscript according to the submission guidelines.

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Response: We added the catalogue number of human cell lines used in the experiment.

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Response: We indicated the method of sacrificing the mice in the method section.

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Response: We added missing sections in the manuscript this time.
5. Please move any funding information from the Acknowledgements to the newly created Funding section of the Declarations.

Response: We moved the funding information from the Acknowledgements to the funding section of declarations.

6. Upon adding the Ethics approval section to the Declarations, please also include the ethics committee reference number if appropriate.

Response: We added Ethics approval section to the Declarations and the ethics committee reference number.

7. Please see below for the reviewer reports, and be sure to address their concerns. Reviewer 2 has specific comments about typographical errors currently present in your manuscript.

Response: We corrected typographical errors pointed by reviewer 2 in the manuscript.

8. Upon uploading your revisions, please remove any tracked changes or highlighting and include only a single clean copy of the manuscript.

Response: We removed the tracked changes and highlighting in the manuscript.

Responses to reviewer 2

Overall, the authors have addressed Reviewers' comments. Nothing major to comment. Only a few typos were identified and can be corrected to the final manuscript:

1. p. 4, paragraph 1, line 2: "concern" could be replaced with "evidence" or something similar. Since Semas are also found to participate in physiological phenomena that word is not accurate.

2. p. 11, last title: "suppresses" instead of "suppress"

3. p. 12, paragraph 1, line 6: Fig. 4A, B, C and D (delete 101)

Response: According to the reviewer, we corrected typographical errors pointed by reviewer.