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Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma, Editor

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Dear Dr. Ma,

please find attached a copy of the manuscript "Prednisolone inhibits SaOS2 osteosarcoma cell proliferation by activating inducible nitric oxide synthase" by Alessandra Cazzaniga, Jeanette Maier and Sara Castiglioni to be considered for publication as a basic study.

To our knowledge, this is the first study about the effects of prednisolone on well differentiated human osteosarcoma cells. We individuate the mechanisms underlying growth inhibition of SaOS2 cells by prednisolone in the induction of inducible nitric oxide synthase that leads to increased production of nitric oxide. In poorly differentiated U2OS osteosarcoma cells, prednisolone exerts no effects.

This work has not been published previously and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. All Authors approved its submission and declare no conflict of interest.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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