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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3785-review.doc).

Title: 8-bromo-7-methoxychrysin inhibits properties of liver cancer stem cells *via* down-regulation of β -catenin

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Is it the right name for "Shanghai Xiangf Biotechnology Co., Ltd."?

Re: Thank you for your careful review. We have corrected it into Fuxiang Biotechnology. Please refer to the colored text in the revised manuscript.

(2) It is not necessary to discuss the results in the Results, which you may leave in the Discussion.

Re: Thank you for the valuable suggestion. We have tried our best to check the Results carefully, and have made some modifications. Please refer to result "Isolation and characterization of LCSCs derived from MHCC97 cell line".

(3) Hope to add histological descriptions on the tumor model derived from LCSCs with immunohistological stains using stem cell markers. If so, I can make sure your conclusion is reasonable.

Re: Thank you for the valuable suggestion. Indeed, your opinion is very good. We further performed immunohistochemical analysis of CD44 and CD133 in the tumor model derived from LCSCs. The results have been added in the revised manuscript (Figure 4C and 4D).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature reads "Jianguo, Cao" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

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