

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviews` comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Effect of cholesterol on interstitial Cajal-like cells from guinea pig gallbladders isolated and cultured in vitro (ID: 53379)". Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper,as well as the important guiding significance to our researchers. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer`s comments are as follwing:

Responds to the reviewer`s comments:

Reviewer #1:

Thanks to you for your good comments.

Reviewer#2:

1. Response to comment:" they should analyze the results with a more high number of experiments and with a reliable statistical method to determine which concentration of cholesterol determines the significant results on cell growth. The authors do not explain which method they used for data comparison. I would suggest using the analysis of variance followed by the post hoc test."

We are very sorry for our negligence of explaining the method for data comparison. We have revised in the "*Statistical processing*" part of the paper. As suggested, the analysis of variance followed by the post hoc test were used. Small number of experiments is a pitfall of this study, we will increase the number of experiments in the following experiments to obtain more reliable results.

Others changes:

2. Line 4, the statement of "Information Department" was corrected as "Department of Health Management"
3. Line 6, the statement of "Division II of General Surgery Department" was corrected as "Department of General Surgery"
4. Line 23, the statement of ", Division II of General Surgery Departmentt" was corrected as "Department of General Surgery"

Responds to the editor`s new comments:

1. "Author contribution" and "Article Highlights" have been added and colored in red in the revised word-edition of manuscript.
2. Fund certification documents have been uploaded.
3. A PPT file containg the original figures has been uploaded.

4. "ARRIVE_Guidelines" has been revised and uploaded.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. And here we did not list the changes but marked in red in revised paper.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers` warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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