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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting study about the effect and mechanism of NCTD combined with ABT-737 in treatment of HCC. The manuscript is well written. Only some minor revisions needed. 1 The title of introduction is missing. Please check. 2 The study is designed well, and the method is in detail. 3 The results are interesting. But the figures are not very clear. Please double check. 4 Results are well discussed. But some more recent ref. should also be discussed. 5 Some minor language polishing should be revised.



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NCTD is a derivative of Chinese medicine Cantharidin, which has good anti-tumor effects. Studies have reported that the anti-tumor effect of NCTD may be related to the role of Bcl-2 family members, which can inhibit Mcl-1 expression in HCC cells. In this study, the authors investigated the therapeutic effects of NCTD combined with ABT-737 mimics on HCC cells, and preliminarily analyze of its mechanism of action, for the future development of anticancer drugs and to provide theoretical guidance for clinical applications. The study is well designed, and the manuscript is interesting. 1 As the authors are not native English speakers, the manuscript need to be revised by a native Englishg speaker. 2 Results are interesting, but need to be discussed with more references. 3 Figures need to be checked again. Some of the figures are not very clear.



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In my opinion, this study is interesting. Some minor revisions need to be revised. 1 Figures are not good, please change them. 2 References need to be updated.