

Dear reviewers,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript.

We carefully revised all the issues in the manuscript according to your comments.

Answer to reviewer #1:

1. For spelling mistakes and language problems, we had a peer, who is a native English speaker, to went over the manuscript, after that, we also hired a professional English language editing company to edit it.
2. We added two references of the previous study on the clinical efficacy in hepatitis B of Mu Ji Fang granules, and one reference on the fundamental pharmacological effects. The brackets of reference [20] to [24] were missing, we check and revied them all.
3. Two new tables (Table 2 and Table 3) were added into the manuscript which listed all the primers for RT-qPCR of tumor tissue and HepG2 cells, respectively.
4. For the limit of the study, we added the following sentences: Based on the identification of absorbable ingredients in mouse serum, we mainly focused on the fundamental study of potential anti-HCC targets of MJF, and intensive research on the mechanism of tumor cell apoptosis and immunology are still required. Moreover, other absorbable ingredients also need to be identified.

Answer to reviewer #2:

1. or spelling mistakes and language problems, we had a peer, who is a native English speaker, went over the manuscript, after that, we also hired a professional English language editing company to edit it.
2. We updated all the images in the figures into high quality ones, and all figures were saved as bitmaps in RGB color mode and in PNG format at a resolution of 300 dpi as is required by Baishideng.

Sincerely,

Xiansheng Meng