

Erratum to: The anti-proliferative effects of norcantharidin on human HepG2 cells in cell culture

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1. There is an erroneous statement “Cantharidin has been used as a medicinal agent for over 2,000 years and is listed as a drug under the name of Mylabris in the medical monograph *Materia Medica* published in 77 AD [3]” in my article.

Blister beetles are traditional Chinese medicine with anti-cancer effects.

Cantharidin is a natural toxin extracted from blister beetles.

So I think that the erroneous statement in my article could be deleted.

2. The structure of norcantharidin in my article is incorrect and the correct structure is given below.
3. In Table 3, the doses of NCTD are incorrect and the correct doses are 10, 20, and 40 $\mu\text{g/ml}$.

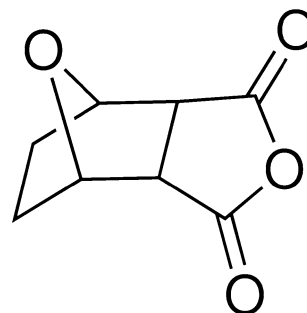


Fig. 1 Chemical structure of NCTD $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$

Table 3 Effects of NCTD on the activation of caspase-3, -9

	Caspase 3	Caspase 9
Control	10.07 ± 1.13	36.32 ± 4.39
10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	$18.76 \pm 1.22^*$	$48.87 \pm 1.72^*$
20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	$35.71 \pm 2.83^{**}$	$53.89 \pm 2.54^{**}$
40 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	$37.32 \pm 1.28^{**}$	$55.92 \pm 3.16^{**}$

* $P < 0.05$ versus control

** $P < 0.01$ versus control

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