Author's response to reviews

Title: Perindopril treatment promote left ventricle remodeling in patients with heart failure screened positive for autoantibodies against angiotensin II type 1 receptor

Authors:

Qian Du (duqian1213@126.com)
Jin Lin Wu (wujinlingpeking@126.com)
Hua Wang (wanghuapeking@126.com)
Lin Xu (xulinpeking@126.com)
Zhi Yong Zhang (zhangzhiyongpeking@126.com)
Jia Mei Liu (liujianpei@126.com)
Juan Zhang (zhangjuanpeking@126.com)
Jin Chen (chenjin@126.com)
Hakon Hakonarson (HakonHakonarson@126.com)
Ai Hua Hu (Huaihua@126.com)
Lin Zhang (linzhangpeking@126.com)

Version: 7
Date: 22 October 2013

Author's response to reviews:

Professor Josefino M. Rodis
Journal Editorial Office
BioMed Central 2013.10.19

Dear Dr. Rodis,

We would like to thank you and the reviewers for your valuable comments and advice regarding our manuscript, “Perindopril treatment promote left ventricle remodeling in patients with heart failure screened positive for autoantibodies against angiotensin II type 1 receptor” (MS: 4275368418724521). We have revised the paper accordingly.

All of your questions are addressed point-by-point below.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lin Zhang M.D., PhD.
Heart failure center
Department of cardiology
Capital Medical University
Chao-Yang Hospital
8# Gong-Ti South Road
Beijing, China 100020
RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS
We would like to thank reviewers for their evaluation and comments. Point-by-point responses are given below. The discussion section has been expanded and now contains more detail. We removed one of the tables and two figures. We believe these changes have made the manuscript stronger. It has also been edited and proofread by LetPub.

Reviewer#1:
Reviewer’s report
The authors have well modified their articles according to my last comments and I am satisfied with their answers. The English level throughout the manuscript is greatly improved.
We would like to thank the reviewers for their suggestions.

Reviewer #2
Q1. The title is not changed and does not reflect the work that was done and conclusions.
A1: The title has been revised accordingly: “Perindopril treatment promote left ventricle remodelling in patients with heart failure screened positive for autoantibodies against angiotensin II type 1 receptor”

Q2. English is improved but still the article is not easy to read. Some typing mistakes in figures (contract instead of contact).
A2. This manuscript has been edited and proofread by LetPub. The typographical errors in the figures have been corrected. The chart has been streamlined and placed near the text (Page 9, line 194).

Q3. It is not acceptable to calculate ELISA results based on negative controls from the previous study. I appreciate the reference on Chinese but I cannot read it. I also don’t see that it is cited. The authors may recalculate data based on the blank values. Perhaps OD blank + 2-3 Standard Deviation of the blank replicates should be taken as cutoff value, and that should be precisely stated
A3. These data are not related to the current study and have been removed. The positive group was presented by Prof Liao et al. in 2002. The reference is now included (Page 6, lines 129–130).

Q4. References 8-10 are not Chen et al (in fact only ref. 10 is Chen RF et al., but as I can judge from the title it is detection of rat anti-AT1-AR antibodies).
A4. We have revised this sentence accordingly (Page 6, line 129).