Author's response to reviews

Title: A novel de novo mutation in the serine-threonine kinase STK11 gene in a Korean patient with Peutz-Jeghers syndrome

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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

We would like to resubmit the manuscript entitled, “A novel de novo mutation in the serine-threonine kinase STK11 gene in a Korean patient with Peutz-Jeghers syndrome”, by Yoo et al., for consideration for possible publication in the BMC Medical Genetics.

<Point-by-point response to reviewer’s concerns>

1. MLPA?: Because first line in reviewer’s report was broken (like this ‘Expand MLPA analysis as â#; â##multiplex ligation probe-dependent amplificationâ##.’), we e-mailed to editor two times(2008/1/24, 1/30), but we didn’t any reply. In our thought, reviewer wants full letters of MLPA in the manuscript, so we corrected. Please e-mail us if you have any problems or questions.

2. Proof of written consent by the patients: We will send a copy of the patients’ consent via e-mail to editor.

3. Not clear who were analysed.: We corrected the content in the method section (like this ‘four members including the patient’).

4. The references are still too many: We reduced the number of references, appropriately (28->25).

5. Last paragraph in the discussion is redundant: We corrected the content, appropriately.

6. DNA and PCR may be removed from the list of abbreviations: We removed.

7. Mention about polyp tissue analysis: We added the content in the method section (like this ‘The polyp tissue was not collected for DNA analysis.’).
8. Mention about endoscopy of other family members: We added the content in the method section (like this ‘Brother and parents of the patient did not consent to endoscopic examinations for evaluation of polyps.’).

The data shown here have not been submitted for publication nor has it been published in whole or in part elsewhere. All the authors took part in the work and agree with the contents of the manuscript consent to its submission to BMC Medical Genetics. The category “Research article” seems most appropriate for our manuscript. It would be a great honor to have an article accepted in the BMC Medical Genetics. We would greatly appreciate being considered for publishing our report and hope to hear good news from you soon. Thank you very much.

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