Author's response to reviews

Title: Effects of astragalus injection on the TGFbeta/Smad pathway in the kidney in type 2 diabetic mice

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Dear Mr James Prozenko:

Thank you for your suggestion. My manuscript, Effects of astragalus injection on the TGFβ/Smad pathway in the kidney in type 2 diabetic mice, was revised according to your comments.

The main corrections in the paper and the response to the reviewer’s comment are as follows:

**Reviewer:** Please check this sentence in Method “Analysis of TGF-β1, TGFβ-R1 and Smad3/7 mRNA expressions by Reverse transcriptase-PCR” just because the authors have already added the experiment of the expression of Smad7 mRNA.

**Response:** I am so sorry to bring you so much trouble because of our carelessness. The sentence of “Analysis of TGF-β1, TGFβ-R1 and Smad3/7 mRNA expressions by Reverse transcriptase-PCR” was corrected as “Analysis of TGFβ, TGFβ-R, Smad3, and Smad7 mRNA expressions by Reverse transcriptase-PCR”.

We selected an honored company for language-polishing. As the native speaker suggested, we modified our manuscript including word substitution, or sentence re-arrangements to correct grammar or improve the overall flow of my manuscript.

Here is a point-by-point description of the changes.

1. The title of the manuscript has been revised as “Effects of astragalus injection on the TGFβ/Smad pathway in the kidney in type 2 diabetic mice”.
2. “The normal group” was corrected as “the control group” in our article.
3. “TGF-β1” was corrected as “TGFβ1”, “TGFβ-R1” was corrected as “TGFβ-R1”, to make them more of a native expression.
4. We also substitute “UREA” with “BUN”, which is short for “blood urea nitrogen”.
5. We have made some corrections with regard to the sentence order, the word expressions at length, which render it more comprehensible.

I hope that these revisions are satisfactory and that the revised version will be acceptable for publication in BMC Complentary and Alternative Medicine. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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