Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effects of Procyanidin on Cardiomyocyte Apoptosis after Myocardial Ischemia Reperfusion in Rats

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Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Prof. Francesca Dickens,

Thank you very much for your valuable comments on our previous manuscript entitled "Effects of Procyanidin on Cardiomyocyte Apoptosis after Myocardial Ischemia Reperfusion in Rats" (BCAR-D-17-00433R1). The responsible and constructive comments really pointed out the direction for us. I tried my best to revise my manuscript which has been suggested by the editors and reviewers of BMC Cardiovascular Disorders immediately and re-submitted the manuscript. We appreciate that our manuscript can be reviewed and hopefully wait for your advise once again.

1. We note that many paragraphs in the Background and Methods sections have some textual overlap with other previously published works.

Response to comment 1: We agree with the reviewer’s suggestion. We have tried our best to minimize direct repetition of large sections of previously published text in the Background and Methods sections. If there is anything else we should do, we appreciate that you will tell us.

2. We noticed that you have included the following statement in the acknowledgments ‘We would like to thank all the people who participated in the study’. Please can you confirm that no human participants were involved in the study?

Response to comment 2: We confirmed that no human participants were involved in the study.

3. Please remove the cover letter/response to reviewers from the beginning of the manuscript.
Response to comment 3: We have removed the cover letter/response to reviewers from the beginning of the manuscript.

4. The Availability of data and materials section refers to the raw data used in your study and presenting tables and figures is not sufficient to state that all data is contained within the manuscript.

Response to comment 4: Thank you very much for your constructive suggestion. We have added “The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.” in the availability of data and materials section.

5. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Response to comment 5: Thank you very much for your suggestion. We have uploaded a clean manuscript.

We appreciate for your warm work earnestly, and hope that the corrections will meet your approval.

Besides, we have carefully read the Editorial Policies and revised our manuscript as necessary.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the corrections will meet with approval. The manuscript has been seen and approved by all authors. It is our original unpublished work and it has not been submitted to any other journal for reviewing except the BMC Cardiovascular Disorders. Besides, we appended the resume of corresponding author and decision Letter of the previous manuscript below. Thank you for considering this work and look forward to your response.

Best wishes

Sincerely yours,

Dan Liu