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Title: Early screening the small bowel is key to protect Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome patients from surgery: a novel mutation c.243delG in STK11 gene

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript entitled “Early screening the small bowel is key to protect Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome patients from surgery: report of a novel STK11 mutation (c.243delG)” (ID: BMGE-D-17-00567R2) very carefully again. We appreciate the editor and reviewers!

After revising the original manuscript according to all the comments, we have rewritten it this time with the help of a professional copyreader who is a native speaker. Please find the new version and may it be satisfactory!

Kind regards.

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Other changes:

1. During the further revision, Dr. Xiao-Dong XU joined in the author group, who participated in the project administration, copyediting and fund supply. So Dr. XU has been named for the co- corresponding author. Due to the same reason, Dr. Yu-Liang JIANG is named for the first place in co-first authors.