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Dear Editor, Reviewer,

Thanks again for your kind efforts to help us to improve the manuscript to a better one.

We are grateful for the helpful comments/corrections of the reviewer/editor. Below are the responses to the reviewer/editor comments/corrections.

Changes to the manuscript were indicated in the text by highlighting

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Reviewer reports:

David Hains (Reviewer 1):

Comment

I cannot assess if the normalized values of urine LL-37 to creatinine are the values used throughout the paper. When calculating a LL-37 to creatinine ratio, the unit of volume should
cancel out. Thus if dividing LL-37 ng/mL by urine creatinine mg/mL, the final values should be (ng LL-37/mg creatinine). The authors use ng/mL throughout the paper, so this reviewer is unsure if the normalization is being done appropriately or if this is just an error in documentation. This reviewer will need clarification before able to assess further.

Response

Yes, normalization has been done appropriately, and this is just an typos error in documentation. We are sorry for that.

Now the units for plasma cathelicidin (LL-37) in “ng/mL”, and the units for urine cathelicidin (LL-37) in “ng LL-37/mg creatinine” throughout the manuscript, please check all highlighting.

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Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style.

Response

This has been done.