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Dear Dr. Hayley Henderson,

Thank you for your prompt decision letter concerning our revised manuscript (ID: BNEP-D-15-00140R1). We greatly appreciate for your time in editing our manuscript and the valuable comments and suggestions again. Accordingly, we have revised the manuscript in track changes mode. The point-by-point answers to the comments were listed as below. We would like to re-submit this revised manuscript to BMC Nephrology and hope it is acceptable for publication in the journal.

Thank you once again for considering the publication of our manuscript and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Lingyu Xue
Editor Comments:

(Comment 1) Please revise your manuscript to ensure that your manuscript adheres to the ARRIVE guidelines for reporting animal studies: https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/arrive-guidelines

(Response 1) Thank you very much for your comment. We confirmed that our manuscript was consistent with the ARRIVE guidelines for reporting animal studies.

(Comment 2) Please revise your manuscript to include all the following sections under the heading ‘Declarations’:

Ethics approval and consent to participate
Consent for publication
Availability of data and material
Competing interests
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(Response 2) Thanks for your comment. These sections have been added in my manuscript. The details were as follow:

Declarations

Ethics approval and consent to participate:

Animals were treated strictly in accordance with all animal care and experimental procedures according to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. All animal experiments were permitted and approved by the Committee of our hospital and all efforts were made to minimise discomfort and pain of rats.

Consent for publication:

Not applicable.
Availability of data and material:

Data sharing is not applicable to this article as no datasets were generated or analysed during the current study.

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LX carried out the molecular studies, XF participated in the sequence alignment, LX, XF and CW drafted the manuscript. XZ carried out the study. WS participated in the sequence alignment. CW and KY participated in the design of the study and performed the statistical analysis. WS conceived of the study, and participated in its design and coordination and helped to draft the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

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None.

(Comment 3) If improvements to the English language within your manuscript have been requested, you should have your manuscript reviewed by someone who is fluent in English.

(Response 3) Thanks for your comment. According to your suggestions, the grammar errors have been revised by professional editors and the certificate of English editing is provided as an attachment.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.