Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effects of Radix Linderae extracts on a mouse model of diabetic bladder dysfunction in later decompensated phase

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Dear Dr. Anne Menard and Dr. Emily Wollmuth

On behalf of my co-authors, we appreciated editor very much for giving us the comments to improve our manuscript entitled “Effects of Radix Linderae extracts on a mouse model of diabetic bladder dysfunction in later decompensated phase” (Manuscript Number: BCAM-D-18-00975). We revised the manuscript in accordance with editor comments, and carefully proof-read the manuscript. The main corrections in the paper and the responses to the comments are as following:
1. Please state in the Methods section who identified the plant.

Our response: Thank you for your comments, we have stated as follow:

Radix Linderae (RL) was provided from Zhejiang Biological Engineering Co., Ltd (China) and identified by Wenru Wu (the associate professor of School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine).

2. Please remove the "Notes" section, and include this information in the title page.

Our response: Thanks for your comments, and we have removed the "Notes" section to the title page

3. Please amend the Ethics approval and consent to participate section, as the euthanasia method stated there is different from what is stated in the Methods.

Our response: Thank you for your comments, we have revised the Ethics approval as follow:

All the animals were euthanized by cervical dislocation at the end of the experiment.

4. Please specify who the data is available from the in the Availability of data and materials section.

Our response: Thank you for your comments, we have revised as follow:

The datasets used and analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding authors on reasonable request.

5. Please note, the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript should be declared in the Funding section.

Our response: Thank you for your comments, we have revised as follow:

This study was financially funded by the National Science Foundation of China (no. 81673676). And this Foundation had no role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.
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HC and PH conceived, designed and directed this study; XY, DL, PF, JW, FC, HL, WJ and LZ performed the experiments; XY, DL and YX substantial contributed to analysis, interpretation of data and drafted the manuscript. HC, PH, XY, DL, YX, PF, JW, FC, HL, WJ and LZ all participated in revision of the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

7. Anyone who contributed towards the article who does not meet the criteria for authorship can be acknowledged in the ‘Acknowledgements’ section.

Our response: Thank you for your comments, we have revised as follow:
The authors thank Wenru Wu (the associate professor of School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine) and the School of Fundamental Medical Science, Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine, for technical support.

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We are sincerely grateful for editors’ comments, please feel free to contact us if further revision on the manuscript is deemed necessary. We look forward to receiving the outcome of our resubmission of the manuscript in due course

Yours truly

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