Author’s response to reviews

Title: Weipiling ameliorates gastric precancerous lesions in Atp4a/- mice

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Dear Editor Arun K. Yadav,

Thank you very much for your kind letters dated on October 7, 2019, and sending us the information concerning our manuscript ‘Weipiling ameliorates gastric precancerous lesions in Atp4a/- mice’. Enclosed please find out our revised version with some changes according to the consultant’s suggestions.

We greatly appreciate the consultant’s suggestions, and have revised the manuscript and would like to take the opportunity to point out as follows.

Editor Comments: Thanks for taking your time to revise the manuscript. Please attend to the suggestions made by Reviewer 3. Also please see that all the scale bars on photomicrographs of your respective pictures are clearly readable, as of now, the units of scale bars appear very difficult to read.

We greatly appreciate your comments, on the page 19-22, all the scale bars on photomicrographs of figures 2,3,4,5 have been modified to make them clearly readable.

On the page 21, the original Figure 5 in the article was renamed as Figure 4.
On the page 9 line 19 and line 21, the “Figures 3 and 4 “have been modified to “Figure 3”, and the line 34, the” Figure 5” has been modified to “Figure 4”.

On the page 10 line 8, the “Figure 6 and 7” has been modified to “Figure 5”, and on the line 20, the “Figure 8 “has been modified to “Figure 6”.

On the page 11 line 5, the” Figure 9” has been modified to “Figure 7”. On the line 9, “Figure 10 and 11” has been modified to “Figure 8 and 9”.

The Figure Legends, the figures 3,4,5,6,7,8,9 has been reordered and named.

On the page 20, The description of figure 3 has been modified as follows: Figure 3. Evaluation of CDX2 and MUC2 in gastric mucosa. (A) Representative immunohistochemical staining of CDX2 in the mouse gastric mucosa. (B) Analysis of gastric mucosa total protein of CDX2. (C) Representative immunohistochemical staining of MUC2 in the mouse gastric mucosa. (D) Analysis of gastric mucosa total protein of MUC2. Data are expressed as the mean ± SD. ** indicates P < 0.01 compared with the control group. # indicates P < 0.05 and ## indicates P < 0.01 compared with the model group (IHC, 400×). n = 5 in each group.

On the page 21, The description of figure 5 has been modified as follows: Figure 5. Evaluation of p53 and PTEN in gastric mucosa. (A) Representative immunohistochemical staining of p53 in the mouse gastric mucosa. (B) Analysis of gastric mucosa total protein of p53. (C) Representative immunohistochemical staining of PTEN in the mouse gastric mucosa. (D) Analysis of gastric mucosa total protein of PTEN. Data are expressed as the mean ± SD. ** indicates P < 0.01 compared with the control group. ## indicates P < 0.01 compared with the model group (IHC, 400×). n = 5 in each group.

Se-Hee Kim (Reviewer 3): The authors appropriately made changes based on my comments, but I think the manuscript has still many separate figures which can be grouped by topics. I recommend figures may be grouped as follows:

Figures 3 and 4 → Figure 3

Figure 5 → Figure 4

Figures 6 and 7 → Figure 5

We greatly appreciate the consultant’s comments. In the article, on the page 20, The original Figure 3 and Figure 4 have been merged into a new Figure 3. On the page 21, Figures 6 and 7 of the original article are merged into a new Figure 6. The original Figure 5 in the article was renamed as Figure 4.
We sincerely hope that the revised manuscript meets your approval and the approval of the reviewers, and that it is now acceptable for publication in your esteemed journal.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this paper.

Yours sincerely,

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