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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11645-review.doc).

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) We thank the reviewer for suggesting that it is prudent to include whether B7-H4 will preserve endogenous beta cell function without compromising original glucose responsiveness of islets. Previous research in our lab have shown that infecting islets with B7-H4 adenovirus does not affect insulin secretion of islets, which suggests that overexpression of B7-H4 will not negatively affect glucose responsiveness of islets.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annika C. Sun'.

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