

Dear Editors

We are sending the revised manuscript for minreview article entitled "Vitamin D and calcium signaling in epidermal stem cells and their regeneration" 54857 for consideration of publication in the World Journal of Stem Cells.

We revised our manuscript to address comments from your academic reviewer and the editor (detailed description is shown in next page). We understood that you waive publication fee, that is shown by invitation letter from Lian-Sheng Ma (attached).

All authors have read and approved the manuscript for submission to your journal. We would appreciate publication of our manuscript in your journal.

Sincerely

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## Revised points

**Academic Reviewer #1:** This is a well-written and up-to-date review article on the important subject of the role of vitamin D and calcium signalling in epidermal stem cells. The article will be useful to both students and scientists with an interest in the domain. Figures nicely illustrate and recapitulate the main points in the review. I have only a few linguistic suggestions for improvement: - **Abstract: it should be written "...we review the role"** - **Page 5 : it could be written "...involved in epidermal differentiation", "... We developed a mouse line", "interaction with beta-catenin signaling"**

Answer: We agree these suggestions, and we changed all of them.

## Editorial review

1. Re-phrase the same sentences as 5% sentences are overwrapped with previous publication.

Answer: we found some paragraphs are same as our previous publication. Therefore, we re-phrase them.

2. Add PMID and DOI numbers in references.

Answer: we added these numbers by using PloS style in Endnote, which show both PMID and DOI numbers.

3. Publish as minireview instead of review

Answer: we do it.

4. Provide original Powerpoint figure file: yes we do. Therefore, we removed figures from main text.
5. Provide Conflict of interest form: yes we do.
6. Provide grant approval documents: yes we provide 4 documents.  
However, we have never experienced the journal requests the documents of grant approval. US government issued grants are opened in public web sites that are found by grant numbers.