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Dear Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma:

On behalf of my co-authors, we thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript, we appreciate editor and reviewers very much for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled “Cholesterol gallstones: Focusing on the role of interstitial Cajal-like cells”. (Manuscript NO.: 60062, Minireviews).

Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and there sponds to the reviewer’ s comments are as flowing:

Responds to the reviewer’ s comments:

Reviewer #1:

Response to comment: The authors should include some of the following recent articles on this topic: a. Fu BB, Xu JH, Wu SD, Fan Y. Effect of cholesterol on in vitro cultured interstitial Cajal-like cells (ICLC) isolated from guinea pig gallbladders. *World J Gastrointest Surg.* 2020 May 27;12(5):226–235. doi: 10.4240/wjgs.v12.i5.226. PMID: 32551028; PMCID: PMC7289650. b. Fan Y, Wu SD, Fu BB, Weng C, Wang XP. Decreased number of interstitial cells of Cajal play an important role in the declined intestinal transit during cholesterol gallstone formation in guinea pigs fed on high cholesterol diet. *Int J Clin Exp Med.* 2014 May 15;7(5):1262–8. PMID: 24995081; PMCID: PMC4073742.

Response: Thanks for your excellent comment. We have cited the recent articles that provided by the reviewer.

A table should be added to provide summary of the role of ICLC in the development of cholesterol gallstones.

Response: In order to summary the role of ICLC in the development of cholesterol gallstones, combining editor-in-chief’ comment, we add a figure.

The authors should discuss whether the paucity of ICIC in gallstones is the cause or effect of primary underlying cause. The authors should discuss how ICIC can be targeted to prevent development of gallstones or treat gallstone disease.

Response: There are few article about ICLC and prevention of gallstones, most of the studies about ICLC focus on the relationship between it and development of gallstones.

The conclusion section should be concise and precise.

Response: The conclusion section is simplified, however, most of the conclusion section is about future directions

Special thanks to you for your good comments.

We have studied reviewer' s comments carefully and have made revision which marked in **red** in the paper. We have tried our best to revise our manuscript according to the comments. Attached please find the revised version, which we would like to submit for your kind consideration.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

We would like to express our great appreciation to you and reviewers for comments on our paper. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and best regards.

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