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Re: Science editor: Ya-Juan Ma

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Ref.: ESPS Ms. No. 26602

We appreciate your careful review of our manuscript, and are submitting herewith our suggested revisions. Our responses to the referee's comments are as follows:

**Reviewer #1:** Please adjust reference style

**Response:** We apologize for this oversight, and have now adjusted the referencing style.

**Reviewer #2.**

1. Many scientists would like to know which/what kind of dietary factor(s) are related to miRNA expression. Because this review article showed them, it is better to summarize as a new Table.

**Response:** We have now developed a second table which summarises the dietary information.

2. Almost all "Introduction" session was described using only one reference (No.2). The authors should improve introduction using more references. Moreover, it is better to add the purpose of this review and/or what this review summarizes at the end of Introduction. Two or more sentences showing it may be enough.

**Response:** We have now added to the introductory paragraph and hope that the purpose of this review is now clearer.

We thank the referees for their careful consideration and hope that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely,



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