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Professor Jing Yu
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Dear Prof. Jing Yu,

Many thanks for the letter dated March 17, 2017, regarding our manuscript entitled “(-)-Epigallocatechin-3-Gallate enhances poly I:C-induced interferon- λ 1 production and inhibits HCV replication in hepatocytes” (Manuscript NO. 32366). We appreciate the valuable comments of the reviewer. Based on the reviewer’s comments and suggestions, we have revised the manuscript. Our specific responses to the reviewer’s comments and suggestions are as follows:

Reviewer (code: 03468100)

1. *There is no statistical analysis reported in gene expression and Elisa experiments. This needs to be added.*

Response: We thanks for the valuable comments of the reviewer. We have performed the statistical analysis in gene expression and Elisa experiments in the revised manuscript (see Methods Statistical analysis and Figure 1-5).

2. *Methods: page 3 ; “And immunostaining was used to examine HCV core protein expression in Huh7 cells” ; please replace with: “Immunostaining was used to examine HCV core protein expression in Huh7 cells.”*

Response: We have replaced “And immunostaining was used to examine HCV core protein expression in Huh7 cells” with “Immunostaining was used to examine HCV core protein expression in Huh7 cells” (see page 3).

3. *Introduction: page 6 line 1: “dramaticlly” ; replace with: dramatically*

Response: We have corrected “dramaticlly” to “dramatically” (see page 6).

4. *Innovations and breakthroughs: page 14 line 1: “The present study showed that for the first time” ; please write: The present study showed for the first time that Results:*

Response: We have changed “The present study showed that for the first time” to “The present study showed for the first time that” (see page 14).

5. *Results:page 10 line 7: “we fould” ; please write: we found.*

Response: We have corrected “we fould” to “we found” (see page 10).

We hope that our revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in **World Journal of Gastroenterology**.

Sincerely Yours,

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