

March 5, 2021

Dear editor,

Thank you for kind considering to our manuscript. After reviewing your letter, I am writing on behalf of all co-authors to ask you to reconsider your decision. We have addressed to the specific concerns detailed in the reviewer's comments as followed in below.

We would like to resubmit our manuscript entitled "Conditioned secretome of adipose-derived stem cells improves dextran sulfate sodium-induced colitis in mice: Local and systemic regulation by secretome (Manuscript NO 62345)" by Seunghun Lee, Jeonghoon Heo, Eun-Kyung Ahn, Jae-Hyun Kim, Young-Ho Kim, Hee-Kyung Chang, Sang-Joon Lee, Jongsik Kim, Seun-Ja Park to World Journal of Gastroenterology.

#### **Answers to Reviewer #1:**

- (1) it is recommended to change the title to a shorter/simpler one, for example, to 'Conditioned secretome of adipose-derived stem cells improves dextran sulfate sodium-induced colitis in mice'.

**Answer →** According to reviewer's comment, the title of manuscript was change to "Conditioned secretome of adipose-derived stem cells improves dextran sulfate sodium-induced colitis in mice"

- (2) Also, a link to a recent article by González-González et al in World J Stem Cells (doi: 10.4252/wjsc.v12.i12.1529) would be very relevant and helpful.

**Answer →** According to reviewer's comment, a recent relevant article by Gonzalez-Gonzalez et al., World J Stem Cells (doi: 10.4252/wjsc.v12.i12.1529) was cited on Introduction (page 6) and linked

#### **Answers to editorial office's comments**

- (1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions;

**Answer →** As editorial officer's comment, the author contributions were

provided

- (2) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s)

Answer → As editorial officer's comment, the approved grant application forms were provided.

- (3) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor

Answer → As editorial officer's comment, all figures and table were prepared and provided using PowerPoint.

- (4) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

Answer → As editorial officer's comment, the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references were added and revised.

- (5) The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text; and

Answer → As editorial officer's comment, the "the Article Highlights" section was added at the end of the main text.

- (6) Authors should always cite references that are relevant to their study. Please check and remove any references that not relevant to this study. 6  
Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Answer → As editorial officer's comment, all cited references in this study were checked whether they are relevant to this study.