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Dear Dr. Bajaj,

Thank you for reviewing our *JOVE* protocol manuscript entitled:

"Chemical Reversion of Conventional Human Pluripotent Stem Cells to a Naïve-Like State with Improved Multilineage Differentiation Potency"

As per your Editorial request, we have further edited the manuscript. Our point-by-point responses are catalogued below:

1. The editor has formatted the manuscript as per Journal's style. Please retain the same.

Thank you.

2. Please address specific comments marked in the manuscript.

Done. Thank you.

 Please shorten the figure legends and move few sentences to the representative results. The figure legend should include a short description of the data presented in the Figure and relevant symbols. The Discussion of the Figures should be placed in the Representative Results.

Done. Thank you.

4. Please remove trademark symbols from the Materials table.

Done. Thank you.

5. Unfortunately, there are a few sections of the manuscript that show significant overlap with previously published work. Though there may be a limited number of ways to describe a technique, please use original language throughout the manuscript. Please see lines: 73-83, 704-708.

The writing in these sections is now revised.

6. Regarding highlighting the protocol steps, you may highlight more to form a cohesive story which matches the title of the manuscript. We have an upper limit of 2.75 pages including headings and spacings.

Editorial Suggestion: A good way to expand the highlighted protocol steps is to include selected schematic summaries (i.e., brief bullet point information slides) for Sections 6 and 7. This would not necessarily include any filming, but instead video editing of two summary slides: one for section 6 and for section 7. We can discuss the details with the Editor at a near future time.

We wish to once again thank the Editor for a careful review of our manuscript with edits and suggestions that have further improved its quality.

Yours Sincerely,



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