



Fig. S2. Effect of oral H_1 receptor antagonist on intradermal histamine-evoked scratching behaviour. Mice were pretreated with 3 mg/kg bepotastine besilate (bepotastine) or 0.5% MC (vehicle), followed by intradermal injection of histamine or saline, and the number of scratching bouts over 1 h were determined. Each bar represents the mean \pm standard deviation of 7–8 mice per group. ** $p < 0.01$ compared with the control group (unpaired t -test), ## $p < 0.01$ compared with the vehicle treated group (unpaired t -test).