

Author's response to reviews

Title: Association between lowered endothelial function measured by peripheral arterial tonometry and cardio-metabolic risk factors - a cross-sectional study of Finnish municipal workers at risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease

Authors:

Jussi Konttinen (jussi.konttinen@ttl.fi)

Harri Lindholm (harri.lindholm@ttl.fi)

Juha Sinisalo (juha.sinisalo@hus.fi)

Eeva Kuosma (eeva.kuosma@ttl.fi)

Janne Halonen (janne.halonen@ttl.fi)

Leila Hopsu (leila.hopsu@ttl.fi)

Jukka Uitti (jukka.uitti@ttl.fi)

Version: 3 **Date:** 23 September 2013

Author's response to reviews: see over

Point-by-point responses to Reviewer 2, version 2

Thank you for your comments. Please find our point-by-point responses below. The corrections in the manuscript are highlighted using red font.

Minor essential revisions:

Please be consistent with the terms sex and gender. Sex differences are reported here.

Our response: We corrected the text as you suggested.

The first paragraph of the Results is confusing relative to the models. It takes multiple readings to know that the statements are not contradictory.

Our response: We rewrote the first paragraph of the Results to make it more readable and straightforward.