Author's response to reviews

Title: The association of Metabolic Syndrome and its factors with Gallstone Disease

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Dear Executive Editor: Magdalena Morawska,

Thank you very much for the kind comments and suggestion of the manuscript, MS: 5348601811291170 – “The association of Metabolic Syndrome and its factors with Gallstone Disease” by I-Ching Lin , Yu-Wen Yang, Mei-Feng Wu, Yi-Hui Yeh, Jenn-Chang Liou, Ying-Li Lin, and Chih-Hsiang Chiang and the e-mail dated Mon, 07 Jul 2014 01:51:28 -0700 (PDT). We have completed the revision as requested by the reviewers, associate editor, and executive editor and given a point-by-point response to the concerns. The changes made in the revised manuscript are in red font and see the attachment, please.

Please convey my special thanks to the anonymous reviews. And thank you very much for your time and help in advance. We sincerely hope that changes made in the revised manuscript meet with your approval and the approval of the referees and that our manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your esteemed journal. If there are further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my very best regards

Sincerely yours,

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Executive editor’s comments:

(1) Please revise your 'Author's Contributions' section to specify the contribution of each individual author. At present contributions of some of the authors are missing.

Authors reply: We thank the reviewer for this suggestion. We have revised the ‘Author's Contributions' section as following:

ICL proposed the study. CHC and ICL performed research, wrote the manuscript and contributed to discussion. YWY and JCL contributed to the conceptualizing the paper and Literature review. YLL contributed to the study design and data Interpretation. MFW and YHY collected and analyzed the data. All the authors read and approved the final manuscript.

(2) Please revise your 'Competing interests'. Where an author gives no competing interests, the listing will also read 'The authors declare that they have no competing interests'.

Authors reply: We have revised the 'Competing interests' as following:

The authors declare that they have no competing interests'.

Reviewer's comments (Reviewer: Liying Chen):

I have reviewed this article already with my comments and the authors revised according the comments. I have no more questions. For the statistics, I am not adequately qualified to assess that, but I still feel it is necessary to do some statistic modification.

Authors reply: We thank your previous good suggestion. We had done some statistic modification in previous revised manuscript according to the other reviewer.
Associate Editor’s comments:

I have reviewed revised version of manuscript and author’s cover letter and response to reviewers. I am very pleased to inform you that authors have managed to reply and revise manuscript according to reviewer’s comments and suggestions.

Authors reply: We appreciate the associate editor’s kindness for reviewing this manuscript.