Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Payne,

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Thanks for the very useful comments and we have made the necessary revisions accordingly.

a. Tables 1 and 2 have no column headers - revised

b. "88.4% of patients did not achieve target LDL level (2.6mmol/L)" - but Table 2 shows 30.4% did. Why the discrepancy?
   - 88.4% includes patients not achieving LDL and/or TG

c. One reviewer suggested including numbers of patients as well as percentages for the Tables (this would also help clarify where there is missing data) - can an additional column be added accordingly with this information please. - revised

d. "15% of patients are not using any oral hypoglycaemics" - presumably should actually read "were treated with diet alone", as many patients on insulin will also not be on oral hypoglycaemics. - revised

e. To avoid confusion at the copyediting stage, note that the total numbers of tables and figures on page 2 should be 4 and 2 respectively. Please also correct the figure legends on page 15 (Fig 1 is deleted, Fig 2 is now Fig 1, Fig 3 is deleted, Fig 4 is now Fig 2). - revised

A general comment to the authors is that there seems to be repetition in the title of the manuscript. The manuscript is titled "Prevalence of Complications Among Chinese Diabetic Patients in Urban Primary Care Clinics: a cross-sectional cohort study". It is unusual for a study to be cross-sectional and cohort-study at the same time. – revised

We submit the a file of manuscript with tracked changes and another one which is a clean version. Tables and figures are attached accordingly.

We hope this can address all the comments as raised by the reviewers and the editors and look forward to your favorable reply.

Kind regards,