Author's response to reviews

Title: Perinatal mortality in pregnancies with omphalocele: data from the Chinese national birth defects monitoring network, 1996-2006

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Dear editors,

Thank you very much for your hard work and kind suggestions. We have considered carefully your comments, and have revised our manuscript. We also have responded to all the comments one by one in this letter. If you have any questions and suggestions for our study, we are welcome to receive the letter from you. Thank you very much again.

We hope that the revision of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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Editorial Comments

1. Ethical Approval
We note that the original version of your manuscript contained a statement on ethical approval obtained for this study but this is absent from the methods section in the most recent version. Please include details of ethical approval in your manuscript and make reference to this in your accompanying cover letter.

Answer: Thank you very much for your kind suggestions. Our study was approved by the Ethic Review Committee of Sichuan University. We have added the ethical approval into the revision of the manuscript (Page 6, the last sentence of Paragraph 1).

2. Permission
Please include details in the methods section of your manuscript on permissions obtained to access data from the Chinese Birth Defects Monitoring Network (CBDMN).

Answer: Thank you very much for your kind suggestions. In our study, Permission was authored by National Health and Family Planning Commission to access data from the CBDMN. We have added the permission into the revision of the manuscript (Page 6, the first sentence of the last paragraph).

3. Authors’ Contributions
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Answer: Thank you very much. As your suggestions, we have revised the Authors’ Contributions in the revision of the manuscript (Page 15).