Author’s response to reviews

Title: Niacin consumption and the prevalence of diabetes and obesity among the US adults: population based ecological study

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Dear Editor,

We would like to submit our manuscript entitled “Niacin consumption and the prevalence of diabetes and obesity among the US adults: population based ecological study” for consideration for publication in BMC Public Health.

The present study investigated the associations between the niacin consumption and the prevalence of obesity and diabetes, and found that the increased prevalence of obesity and diabetes in US adults was significantly correlated with the per capita niacin consumption with a distinct time lag. The present observations, together with the well-known fact that niacin may induce insulin resistance, support the hypothesis, proposed in our previous study (Zhou SS, et al. World J Gastroenterol 2009;15:5674-84), that chronic excess niacin intake may be a major risk factor for obesity and type 2 diabetes.

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Sincerely yours,

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