Author's response to reviews

Title: Using Spatial Analysis to Demonstrate the Heterogeneity of the Cardiovascular Drug-Prescribing Pattern in Taiwan

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your consideration of publishing our paper. We also thank the reviewers for comments and questions about our study. Please find the response to reviewers in the next page. The areas highlighted in yellow are revised parts in response to reviewer’s comments. We also updated the affiliation for author Tzu-Ming Liu. Please feel free to contact me if there are further comments or questions about this paper. Your consideration and comments are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Response to reviewer

Reviewer1: Frank Courteney Tanser

Reviewer's report:
This article is much improved.

Major Compulsory Revisions
Nil

Minor Essential Revisions
The authors have included a section on the limitations of Moran’s I which is good. However, by including this in the methods they give the impression that they chose a method with multiple limitations up front. I would rather see this put in the discussion section as part of a limitations paragraph. Other limitations of the method or the data should also be mentioned briefly in this paragraph. I would also like to see Moran’s I mentioned in the abstract.

Reply: We added limitation of method (including Moran’s I) and our data in the discussion section in Page 15-16. In addition, we added the Moran’s I method in the abstract.

Discretionary Revisions
Nil

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests
Reviewer2: NITIN KUMAR K TRIPATHI

Reviewer's report:
I have gone through the revised text and statement sheet of corrections made by authors. The manuscript is now acceptable for publication.
I am sure this article will be very useful to many pharma organisations to analyse the drug usage and manage the supply chain. Wonderful article.

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

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