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Thank you for your comment.

Comment: We ask that you please provide a power calculation within your manuscript, used to determine the sample size of your study.

Authors’ response: The NORNS study doesn’t use any methodologies to determine sample size. Unlike general randomized clinical trial or observational study, this study simply composed of baseline and follow-up surveys, and plans to continue baseline survey for subject who lives outside Seoul. Moreover, there are the following features in this study regarding the subjects. First of all, it is hard to contact and gather a sufficient number of the North Korean refugees without the help of relevant governmental or semi-governmental organization. So it is hard to predict or calculate the sample size. Second, this study which provides free medical examination to the North Korean refugees has intend to participate as many subjects as possible for the humanitarian standpoint because they have limited access to healthcare utilization. In revised manuscript, we didn’t describe these explanations because it seems unnecessary.

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