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Dear Dr. Brieger:

Thank you for your consideration of our manuscript, “Asian-White Differences in Short Sleep Duration by Industry of Employment and Occupation in the US: A Cross-sectional Study,” for publication in BMC Public Health. We are delighted to have the opportunity to provide a third set of revisions based upon the comments of Reviewer #1.

Reviewer Number: 1

1. Please re-check the numbers in Table 1 again. If you still believe that the numbers in the revised version are correct, and that this can be explained by Simpson’s paradox, please provide a reference/s.

Thank you. We checked the results again, and have made the following corrections.

Thank you very much for requesting that we check the data, again! While the Simpson’s paradox can occur in situations other than with trend data (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simpson%27s_paradox), we did find that the discrepancy occurred because of misinterpretation of the variable codes while entering the data into Table 1. As a result, we checked and corrected all of the
variables in Table 1. The numbers now represent the correct groups, and are consistent with what would be expected. We have excluded all references to the Simpson’s paradox in the updated manuscript. Again, thank you for requesting that we re-review the data!

We hope that the recommendations and concerns raised in the review have been adequately addressed. Thank you for your consideration of this revised manuscript. We look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

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