Author's response to reviews

Title: Analysis on associated factors of uncontrolled hypertension among elderly hypertensive patients in southern China: a community-based, cross-sectional survey

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Dear editor,

Ms. No.: 3702310001212463

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Thank you very much for your e-mail on 21th July. We would like to express our sincere thanks to you for the constructive and positive comments. We have revised the manuscript, taking the editor’s and reviewers’ comments into consideration. In particular, point by point responses to the concerns have been listed in details below.

Replies to Reviewer:

**Q1, Were there any comparisons with other country or control?**

Response:

Thanks for reviewer’s comment. We added some contents of comparisons with other parts of China and country in the Discussion part.

**Q2, The conclusion of the abstract was general and not specific which should be based on the results.**

Response:

Thanks for reviewer’s comment. We revised the conclusion in the Abstract part according to your suggestion.

**Q3, The last paragraph of “Sampling” need to be moved backwards to the results section.**

Response:

The last paragraph of “Sampling” has been moved backwards to the results section according to your suggestion.

**Q4, The cluster intra-group correlation ICC (intraclass correlation coefficient) of the data need to be reported in the results since the participants were recruited by using a cluster sampling.**

Response:
Thanks for reviewer’s comment. We added the intra-group correlation ICC (0.02) in the Methods part of our paper according to your suggestion.

Q5, There were still large paragraphs of results and data in the discussion section which should be moved to the results section.

Response:

Thanks for reviewer’s constructive comment. We moved some paragraphs of results and data in the discussion section to the results section according to your suggestion.

Q6, Was the Normal group of HDL-C missing in the table 2?

Response:

Thanks for reviewer’s comment. We added the Normal group of HDL-C in the table 2.

Q7, Table 4: 2-AOR: the note of the multiple adjusted model for the age, Area of residence and Education should be revised which should not be adjusted by themselves in the model.

Response:

Thanks for reviewer’s constructive comment. We revised the note of the multiple adjusted model in the table 4 according to your suggestion.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm comments and suggestions earnestly, and hope that the corrections will meet with your approval. Should you have any questions, please contact us without hesitation at the following address, phone and e-mail:

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Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Best regards.

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