Author's response to reviews

Title: All-cause mortality and risk factors in a cohort of retired military male veterans, Xi'an, China: an 18-year follow up study

Authors:

Xiao Y Sai (saixiaoyong@163.com)
Yao He (yhe301@x263.net)
Ke Men (gncbmk@fmmu.edu.cn)
Bo Wang (wangbo@fmmu.edu.cn)
Jiu Y Huang (junliu@fmmu.edu.cn)
Qiu L Shi (qlingshi@fmmu.edu.cn)
Lei Zhang (shaoyulei@yahoo.com)
Liang S Li (liangshou@fmmu.edu.cn)
Bernard C.K. Choi (Bernard.Choi@utoronto.ca)
Yong P Yan (yanyping@fmmu.edu.cn)

Version: 10 Date: 12 October 2007

Author's response to reviews:

12 October, 2007

Dr Annabel Phillips
Senior Assistant Editor
BMC-series Journals
BioMed Central
e-mail: editorial@biomedcentral.com

I added revisions according to the suggestions from the BioMed Central Editorial Production Team.

1. ‘September 16, 2007’ was deleted from the title page.

2. ‘Page 2 of 18’ etc were changed to ‘2’ etc.

3. The word counts from page 3 were deleted.

4. The figure title and number (Figure 1) was deleted in the image file. The legend and title of Figure 1 were placed after the reference list (Page 15). They were: Figure 1 shows a comparison of cumulative survival rate in different smoking index groups. Cumulative survival rate decreased with increasing smoking index. Although differences between group1 (smoking index<350) and group2 (350<smoking index<569), group2 and group3 (569<smoking index<749) were not significant, there were significant differences between the other two groups (P<0.05).
5. The space around Figure 1 was cropped as closely as possible.
6. Figure1 was changed to Figure 1.
7. The spaces were inserted between the word table and the table number in Page 6.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Xiao Y Sai, MD. PHD.
Lecturer of Epidemiology
Department of Epidemiology
College of Military Services and Statistics
Fourth Military Medical University
17 Changle West Road
Xi’an 710032
China