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To,

The Editor

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Re: Revision of our manuscript (MS: 1397450473130246) titled, "INCREASED WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE IS INDEPENDENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH HYPOTHYROIDISM IN MEXICAN AMERICANS: REPLICATIVE EVIDENCE FROM TWO LARGE, POPULATION-BASED STUDIES"

Dear Dr. Sabina Alam,

We wish to thank the Reviewers for their re-review of the above-referenced manuscript. The only comment in this review related to the use of cutoffs for waist circumference. The Reviewer suggested that we state this as a limitation of the study and discuss the limitation. In the revised manuscript we have added a paragraph in the Discussion section (page 19, last paragraph) that states the limitation of the cutoffs used and the implications thereof. We are thankful to the Reviewer for this suggestion.

We vouchsafe that this work has been submitted solely to BMC Endocrine Disorders and that no part of this manuscript has been previously published. We agree with the sequence of authorship as mentioned on the Title Page of our manuscript. None of the authors have any conflicts of interest to declare.

We thank you very much for the opportunity to submit our work to BMC Endocrine Disorders for consideration of publication as a Research Article.

Sincerely

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