Author's response to reviews

Title: Effects of interval between age at first birth and age at diagnosis on breast cancer survival according to menopausal status: A register-based study in Korea

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Dear Dr April,  

Re: Manuscript reference No. 1862859438122536  

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript “Effects of interval between age at first pregnancy and age at diagnosis on breast cancer survival according to menopausal status: A register-based study in Korea”, which we would like to resubmit for publication as an original article in BMC women health.  

Your comments and those of the reviewers were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. In the following pages are our point-by-point responses to each of the comments of the reviewers as well as your own comments.  

Revisions in the text are shown using yellow highlight for additions. In accordance with Editorial requirements, we insert changes according to suggestions. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for a publication in BMC women health.  

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.  

Yours sincerely,  

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2. Please clarify in your cover letter and state in the manuscript whether access to the databases you used is freely available, and if not, who gave permission to use them. Please list the permissions for each database.

Response: The Korean breast cancer society has had a Korean breast cancer register project for several years. They have a consultative group for managing these databases. Whoever Korean breast cancer society active members can submit the research plan to the consultative group, they review the ethical issues and validity, and then distribute these databases. You can search the permission via [https://registry.kbcs.or.kr/datarequest/datarequest_list](https://registry.kbcs.or.kr/datarequest/datarequest_list). (WA-20120203-01)

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Response: We inserted your recommendations into methods section using yellow highlight for additions.