Author's response to reviews

Title: The association between serum uric acid levels, metabolic syndrome and cardiovascular disease in middle aged and elderly Chinese: results from the DYSlipidemia International Study

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Dear Mr Mark Rannie Manangan and Prof. Barry Palmer:

Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions. As suggested, we have revised the manuscript, according to the comments and suggestions of reviewers and editor, and responded, point by point to. Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. I would like to re-submit this revised manuscript to BMC Cardiovascular Disorders, and hope it is acceptable for publication in the journal.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely

Yiming Mu

The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer’s comments are as flowing:

Reviewer Comments:
Reviewer Barry Palmer:

[POINT 1]

Abstract

. Conclusion:
Elevated SUA levels were positively independently of measured confounders to CHD and HF.
-> Elevated SUA levels were positively associated independently of measured confounders to CHD and HF.

Response:
Thanks for the making the comment. We have modified the sentences to read: "Elevated SUA levels were positively associated independently of measured confounders to CHD and HF."

[POINT 2]
Methods p4/line2
assessthe -> assess the

Response:
Thanks for the making the comment. We have modified the spelling mistake accordingly.

[POINT 3]
Results p7/line 1
clinical Characteristics -> clinical characteristics

Response:
Thanks for the comment. We have modified the word accordingly.

[POINT 4]
Conclusion P11/line 4
human trails -> human trials

Response:
Thanks for the comment. We have modified the word accordingly.