Author's response to reviews

Title: Association between hyperuricemia and atrial fibrillation in rural China: a cross-sectional study

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Dear Dr. Tang,

Thank you very much for your decision letter and advice on our manuscript (MS:1288764110153040) entitled “Association between hyperuricemia and atrial fibrillation in rural China: a cross-sectional study”. We would also like to thank the reviewers for the constructive and positive comments and suggestions. Accordingly, we have revised the manuscript. All amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. In addition, point-by-point responses to the comments are listed below this letter.

This revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by Medjaden Bioscience Limited.

We hope that the revision is acceptable for publication in your journal.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Yingxian Sun
Replies to Reviewer 1

Major Compulsory Comments:

1. The authors now appropriately indicate that the sex-specific associations between SUA and AF were not statistically different. However, they still report as the primary results the sex-specific analysis. I think that the results in the abstract should report overall results (men and women together) for the minimally adjusted and the fully adjusted models, results for the association between SUA as a continuous variable and AF prevalence, and then mention that the association was present in men but not in women, though the differences were not statistically significant.

   Response: Thank you for your insightful suggestion. The results of the Abstract have been changed in the revised manuscript (Page 2, Lines 37-44) to address this issue.

Minor Essential Comments:

1. Page 10, line 217. The sentence “But I think it’s a limitation that might give rise to some bias” seems too colloquial and should be edited.

   Response: This correction has been made in the revised manuscript (Page 10, Line 217-218). We changed it to “However, it is likely that this approach gave rise to an unintentional bias.”

2. The new sentences added in the revised version have a number of typos and may benefit from careful proofing.

   Response: The new sentences in the revised manuscript have been edited and proofread by Medjaden Bioscience Limited.