Author’s response to reviews

Title: Impact of Hypertension with or without Diabetes on Left Ventricular Remodeling in Rural Chinese Population: a Cross-Sectional Study

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Dear Anne Menard:

Thank you for your letter and we were very pleased that the academic editor requested us to make minor revisions. We all thank for your constructive suggestions. These suggestions improve the rigor of our design of this study and help us a lot. Thank you very much again.

We have revised our manuscript in line with editor’s comments. The detailed responses to each editorial point raised are attached below. We would be grateful if this revised paper could be accepted for publication in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

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Questions:

1. It has come to our attention that throughout the manuscript there is significant text overlap with other publications. While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. We would therefore be grateful if you could provide a justification for the overlap in text between your manuscript and other sources. Please be informed that we cannot proceed with handling your manuscript before this issue is resolved, and the sections of text in question have been reformulated. The report has been attached to further help your revisions.

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Answer: Thank you very much for your valuable question and guidance. The main overlap text was focused on the methodology part. It was because that a series of research results from our team have been published, which were based on the same methodology from the ‘‘Twelfth Five-Year’’ project (National Science and Technology Support Program of China, Grant #2012BAJ18B02) that Pro Yingxian Sun is responsible for the project completion. So there were overlaps in methodology part between our manuscript and other publications from our team. According to your suggestion, we have tried to reformulate the sections of text in question in the whole manuscript. Because this study used some methodology from a previously published work, so we provided statements in the beginning of every part of methodology (Study population, Data collection and measurements, Echocardiography) together with citations, as shown in Methods section, line 76 of page 4, line 100 of page 5, line 137 of page 7, which we hope meet with approval.
2. Please rearrange the initials used in the Authors’ Contributions so that they match the authors’ names as listed in Editorial Manager, e.g. TL for Tan Li.

Answer: Thanks sincerely for your reminding. We have revised the error and rearranged the initials used in the Authors’ Contributions, as shown in Authors' contributions section, line 307 of page 14.

3. We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of Xiaofan Guo and Jun Yang, as currently they do not automatically qualify for authorship.

Answer: Thank you for your guidance. We have corrected it and provided more justification for the contributions of Xiaofan Guo and Jun Yang, who took responsible for revising the manuscript critically for important intellectual content, as shown in Authors' contributions section, line 308 of page 14.

4. Please remove the funding information from the Acknowledgements.

Answer: Thanks sincerely for your question. We have removed the funding information from the Acknowledgements, as shown in Acknowledgments section, line 298 of page 14.

5. Please remove any supplementary material which you do not want published, as this is no longer needed at this stage.

Answer: Thank you very much for your reminding. We have removed supplementary material.

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