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Title: Burden of Ischaemic Heart Disease and Attributable Risk Factors in China from 1990 to 2015: Findings from the Global Burden of Disease 2015 Study

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Dear Francesca Dickens,

Thank you for your efficient work in processing our manuscript (Manuscript ID: BCAR-D-17-00661R1). We have revised the manuscript according to your comments and suggestions and responded point by point as listed below.

1. Please have the text edited by a professional language editing service or a native English speaking colleague. There are many issues with grammar, wording, spelling, and/or punctuation that need to be addressed before acceptance for publication.

   Answer: Agree. Thank you for your suggestion. This manuscript has been edited and proofread by American Journal Experts. The Editorial Certificate provided by AJE was uploaded as a supplementary file.

2. Please can you provide further clarification regarding the retrospective data used in this study:

   a) Please can you confirm whether the data provided by the Global Burden of Disease 2015 Study was anonymised?
Answer: Agree. Thank you for your notice. Since the GBD 2015 study estimated IHD burden in China by using population data provided by national CDC and reviewing literatures, we confirmed the data we used in this study was anonymised.

b) Please can you edit the data availability statement to include how the raw data from the Global Burden of Disease 2015 Study can be obtained?

Answer: Agree. Thank you for your suggestion. The raw data of IHD burden on the national level for China were obtained from the GBD Results Tool (http://ghdx.healthdata.org/gbd-results-tool), but it has been updated to GBD 2016 results since September 14, 2017. Data for provinces are nonpublic, which need to be applied to the National CDC of China. Most data for this study was included in tables in the manuscript, no extra data need to put in the supplementary material.

We had revised the Availability of data and materials section as below: “The raw data of IHD burden on the national level for China were obtained from the GBD Results Tool (http://ghdx.healthdata.org/gbd-results-tool). Data for provinces are nonpublic, which need to be applied to the National CDC of China.”.

3. Please represent authors' names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

Answer: Agree. Thank you for your suggestion. We had revised all authors' names into their full initials in the Authors’ Contributions section.

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Answer: Agree. Thank you very much for your suggestion. We have checked our manuscript to be a clean version. All tables and figures were uploaded as separate files.

We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal. Should you have any questions, please contact us without hesitate.
We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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