Author’s response to reviews

Title: Primary results of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening in the at-risk residents in Middle China

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Dear editors and reviewers,

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments on our manuscript entitled “Primary results of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening in the at-risk residents in Middle China”. We have studied the valuable comments from you, the assistant editor and reviewers carefully, and tried our best to revise the manuscript. Revised portion are marked in red in the manuscript. The point to point responds to the reviewer’s comments are listed as following:

Editor Comments:

As outlined by reviewer 2 (see below), it is essential that you obtain professional assistance from a copyeditor to improve the standard of the written English.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have made correction as much as possible.

In addition, there are a number of stylistic points in the Declarations section that need addressing as follows:
1) Ethical approval and consent to participate: the first three lines of the Methods section (The study was approved....for the purpose of research) should be moved to appear under this section heading.

Response: Thank you for your advice. We have moved the sentence to ‘Ethical approval and consent to participate’ section.

2) Consent to participate: this should be stated as Not applicable.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have modified it.

3) Availability of data and materials: it is not permissible to state 'Not applicable' here. Please see our Editorial Policies section for more information and details of suitable statements for this section (see https://www.biomedcentral.com/getpublished/editorial-policies#availability+of+data+and+materials).

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have modified it.

4) Authors contributions:

(i) the initials of authors should be used rather than full names

(ii) the contribution of each author should meet the criteria as outlined in our Editorial Policies (see https://www.biomedcentral.com/getpublished/editorial-policies#authorship). For example, simply writing the manuscript is not sufficient to warrant authorship. Therefore please ensure that the full contribution of each author is provided.

Response: Thank you for your advice. We have modified the Authors contributions.

Reviewer reports:

Enrico Cieri (Reviewer 1): thank you for the implementations and corrections. no further comments
Response: Thank you for your affirmation.

Pinar Ulug, Ph.D. (Reviewer 2): Dear Authors, Thank you for taking on board reviewer suggestions and updating the manuscript.

However, there remains several language mistakes, too many to list here, but some examples are provided below:

(1) Background, line 33: "Randomly-selecting ..." should be corrected as "randomly selected"

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have modified it according to your review.

(2) Methods, line 19: "Basing on..." should be corrected as "Based on ...." - this mistake is repeated in discussion line 56

Response: Thank you for your advice. We have modified it.

(3) Discussion, line 23: "Moreover, it is also *doubt* that..." should read "doubtful" or "uncertain"

Response: Thank you for your advice. We have modified it.

(4) Discussion, line 5: "USPSTF commanded that risk factors .......older age, male, smoking history............" should read "USPSTF commanded that risk factors .......older age, male *sex*, smoking history........."

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have modified it according to your review.

(5) Discussion, line 25: "more consumption" should read "higher" consumption

Response: Thank you for your advice. We have modified it.

(6) Background line 27, "whites" should read "Caucasians"

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have modified it.

(7) Discussion, line 48: "angionosis" - typo?
Response: We have modified ‘angionosis’ to ‘angiosis’.

(8) Please can the authors add the Ethics Reference number in "Declarations".

Response: We have added the Ethics Reference number in "Declarations".