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Thank very much for your editing work on our manuscript and also appreciate the constructive comments from the two reviewers. I here give my response to your requests as well as the reviewers’ comments:

1. Although we had asked an English speaker to improve the language part before last re-submission of the MS, we have checked the English writing again this time. We could not say that the language part is perfect but we are confident that the MS would be able to describe and discuss all the issues efficiently.

2. In the previous response to Dr. Chen’s concerns regarding “population-based screening” issue, we had clarified that the imperfect factors might exist in the population selection and definition of this investigation, nevertheless those would not affect the general value of the data created by a such large scale investigation. On the other hand, the concern that “the selection bias may cause higher positive rates” seems also not the case because the positive rates obtained in this study are not always higher than those conducted by well-designed population based investigations from either China or other countries (See discussion part of this MS). However, we still revised some words which make our statement more clearly.

I hope that you could find that we are respectful and cooperative, and again this communication is informative and valuable.

Finally, it would be highly appreciated if this work could be accepted for publication.

Thank you ever so much and looking forward to hearing from you soon.