Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effects of Homocysteine on White Matter Diffusion Parameters in Alzheimer's Disease

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Dear Professor Tian,

Thank you for allowing us to revise our manuscript entitled “Effects of Homocysteine on White Matter Diffusion Parameters in Alzheimer’s Disease”. In this revision, we have corrected the issues raised by editor and to make the manuscript more concise. Please find our point-by-point responses to the suggestions and comments below.

We hope that the editorial board will agree that this study will be of particular interest to your readers. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Reviewer reports:

Editor Comments:

1. Authorship change form

The authorship change form is not qualified. The actual changes of the authors not only include removal of the author 'Min-Hsien Chiang' but also include addition of the author 'Wan-Chen Tsai'.

Response: We have corrected the authorship change form. The final authors are as following:

Chen-Chang Lee, Shih-Wei Hsu, Chi-Wei Huang, Wen- Neng Chang, Sz-Fan Chen, Ming-Kung Wu, Chiung-Chih Chang, Lain-Chyr Hwang, Po-Chou Chen

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Please also include a 'Authors' contributions' section in Declarations.

Please represent authors' names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section.

Please list all the authors with the initials in this section. Please also ensure that all authors have read and approved the final version and add a statement confirming this.

Response: The author’s names in the author’s contributions’ section are changed using their full initials. All authors have read and approved the final version and add a statement in this section.

3. Textual overlap

We note that there is 24% textual overlap with previously published works. Please re-phrase these sections in your own words to avoid direct overlap (please note, we cannot accept direct
textual overlap with any previously published works even if the authors of the work are yourselves). For overlaps within methods, please try to use more concise expressions. For overlaps within backgrounds, results and discussion, please use your own words to avoid direct overlap.

Response: We have modified the article to avoid overlap with our previous published works.

4. Please provide email addresses for all the authors in the title page

Response: We have added the email address for all authors in the title page

5. According to the submission guideline, the Abstract should be structured to Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions. Please refer to https://bmcneurol.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/research-article for more details.

Response: We have changed the Abstract form.

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- please rename the heading 'Introduction' to 'Background'
- please rename the heading 'Materials and Methods' to 'Methods'

Response: We have renamed the heading.

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As abbreviations are used throughout the paper, we ask that you include a list of abbreviations (before the declarations section) for reference and ease of reading. All abbreviations should still be defined in the text at first use.

Response: We have added a list of abbreviations before the declarations sections.

8. References
All references must be numbered consecutively, in square brackets, in the order in which they are cited in the text. The reference numbers must be finalized and the reference list fully formatted before submission.

Response: We have corrected the style of references.

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Response: We have cleaned the copy.