Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Socioeconomic inequality in periconceptional folic acid supplementation in China: a census of 0.9 million women in their first trimester of pregnancy” (PRCH-D-17-00246). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have made the requested changes which we hope meets your approval. The revised portions are marked in red in the manuscript. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewers’ comments are as following:

Editor Comments:

Please review the English grammar throughout the manuscript. There are inconsistencies in tense and some spelling mistakes. In regard to the comments from Reviewer 1, please address this in the limitations section.

Response: Thanks for the Editor’s suggestion. We have used English language editing service--Nature Research Editing Service following your recommendation. Our manuscript has been reviewed and revised by language editor who is fluent in English.
Reviewer reports:

Francisco Avila (Reviewer 1):

The representativeness of per capita income in a country like China, with a high Gini index, may not be the best way to compare the relationship between folic acid use and socioeconomic level.

Response: Thanks for the Reviewer’s suggestion. We agree with the Reviewer’s opinion that the representativeness of per capita income in a country like China, with a high Gini index, might not be the best way to compare the relationship between folic acid use and socioeconomic level. And we have added this in the Limitations. Please refer to the Limitations in the discussion.

Prasanna P Mithra (Reviewer 2):

Manuscript is well written. Just the introduction part can be made little shorter keeping only the most important facts related to folic acid and its relevance during peri-conceptional period and also the socio economic implications.

Response: Thanks for the Reviewer’s suggestion. We have revised the introduction part, to make it little shorter keeping only the most important facts related to folic acid and its relevance during peri-conceptional period and also the socio economic implications. Please refer to the introduction.

Thanks again for the Editors and Reviewers’ comments on improving our paper.