Author’s response to reviews

Title: Association between thyroid dysfunction and perinatal outcomes in women with gestational hypertension: a retrospective study

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Re: submission of our revised manuscript (PRCH-D-19-00132R2) to BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth “Association between thyroid dysfunction and perinatal outcomes in women with gestational hypertension: a retrospective study”

February 8, 2020

Dear Editor,

Dear Reviewers,

We would like to thank you for your review and comments regarding our submitted manuscript entitled “Association between thyroid dysfunction and perinatal outcomes in women with gestational hypertension: a retrospective study”. Enclosed please find the revision of our manuscript. The authors are Wangming Xu, Jie Zhang and me.

We appreciate the comments of the reviewer and the Section Editor and have incorporated their suggestions in the revised manuscript. We believe that the comments significantly improved the manuscript and hope that the manuscript might be acceptable for publication in the BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

Below, please find our responses to the reviewer and to the Section Editor. Thank you for your attention!
Sincerely,

Dr. Juan Gui

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Responses to Editor

1. Please address the final reviewers' comments found at the end of this email.

We have revised the table 1 and table 2 according to the recommendation of the reviewer.

2. Please add a “Conclusions” section after the “Discussion” section. This should state clearly the main conclusions of the research article and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance.

We have added the “Conclusions” section after the “Discussion” section (line 5-10, page 15).

3. Please represent authors’ names using their full initials, not their full/surname, 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.

In the revised manuscript, we have represented authors’ names using their full initials in the Authors’ Contributions section (line 8-9, page 17).

4. If abbreviations are used in the text they should be defined in the text at first use, and a list of abbreviations should be provided before the Declarations.

We have added a list of abbreviations before the Declarations (line 1-13, page 16).

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We have removed the STROBE checklist document from the end of the manuscript.

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We have uploaded the files as required.

Responses to Reviewer #1

Response to comment

In tables 1 and 2, to make the table smaller, it is recommended that the three columns with titles "PIH vs. EPE", "PIH vs. LPE" and "EPE vs. LPE" be inserted and write P values.

We thank the reviewer for the suggestion. In the revised manuscript, we have now added three columns with titles “PIH vs. MPE”, “PIH vs. SPE”, “MPE vs. SPE” in Table 1 and three columns with titles “PIH vs. EPE”, “PIH vs. LPE”, “EPE vs. LPE” in Table 2 with corresponding P values written.