Author’s response to reviews

Title: Follow-up study of neurodevelopment in 2-year-old infants who had suffered from neonatal hypoglycemia

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Dear Dr. Cassady-Cain:

Thank you very much for your decision letter and advice on our manuscript (Manuscript: BPED-D-18-00683R1), entitled “Follow-up study of neurodevelopment in 2-year-old infants who had suffered from neonatal hypoglycemia.” We also thank the reviewer for the constructive and valuable comments and suggestions. Accordingly, we have revised the manuscript. All amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. In addition, point-by-point responses to the comments are listed below this letter.

This revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by Medjaden Bioscience Limited.
We hope that the revision is acceptable for publication in your journal, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Editor Comments:

1. Please read and address the comments provided by Reviewer 1 below.
Response: The valuable comments have been read and addressed.

2. Please change your consent to publish statement to "not applicable"
Response: Done.

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Response: Removed.

4. In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.
Response: More detail information of Funding is described as: “The study design, data collection, data analysis, and manuscript writing of this study were supported by the Maternal and Child Health Program of Jiangsu province (F201720)” and added into the Funding section of the revised manuscript.

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Response: Yes, all figures and tables are inserted into the revised manuscript.

Replies to Reviewer 1

There is significant change to the manuscript

I will comment on the answers to my questions.

The correction to figure 1 is substantially different to the original manuscript and clarifies the sample population.

I suggest that the authors moderate their suggestions (that paediatricians should "pay attention" to babies whose mothers had gained a lot of weight or used insulin) as these have significant implications on resource that are not supported confidently by such a small study.

The language should also be revised from a clinical angle. For example, in table 1, it is unusual to state "case of the mother used insulin". Rather, it would be more commonly phrased as "maternal insulin" or "maternal insulin-use". Repeating "case" with each variable is redundant and stilted.

Response:

We forget mention that “Those infants whose mother used insulin were excluded in this study” was added into the Patients section of the revised manuscript”, which was added into the Patients section.

Thank you very much for your insightful suggestions. The descriptions are exchanged in the table 1 in the revised manuscript.