Author’s response to reviews

Title: Urinary iodine in early pregnancy is associated with subclinical hypothyroidism in Tianjin, China: an observational study

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Dear editor,

I am very happy to be informed that my manuscript "Urinary iodine in early pregnancy is associated with subclinical hypothyroidism in Tianjin, China: an observational study" was potentially acceptable for publication in BMC endocrine disorders. I have made some revision to the manuscript as per your instruction.

Comment 1: We notice that the authorship change request form you have sent has not been completed. Please ensure that a fully completed copy of the form, signed by all authors, is sent to our Editorial office, as changes to the authorship list must receive editorial approval.

Response 1: I apologise that i have sent you the uncompleted edition of authorship change request form. I will resend the fully completed edition with signature from all authors to Editorial office.
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Response 2: I apologise that I have made some mistake to cause confusion. The study was approved by Ethics Committee of Tianjin Medical University General Hospital, Tianjin China and the approval number was IRB-2013-095-01. I have revised the declarations section and added the approval number.

Comment 3: In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the Declarations, please provide a statement confirming that informed consent was obtained from all participants.

Response 3: The informed consent was obtained from all participants and the statement was supplemented to the Ethics approval and consent to participate section. Thank you.

Comment 4: In your Authors Contributions section, please list each author using their initials rather than their full name.

Response 4: I am sorry I have omitted some formatting guidelines for Authors contribution section. The revision has been made according to the instruction.

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Response 5: I am sorry I have omitted some details of formatting guidelines for figures. The revision has been made according to the instruction.

Comment 6: Please remove the response to reviewers from the additional files, as this is no longer required.

Response 6: Thank you for reminding me. The response section has been removed.

I look forward for your decision on the manuscript.

Best wishes

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