Author’s response to reviews

Title: Serum Vaspin Concentration in Elderly Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Macrovascular Complications

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Dear Dr. Mockridge,

Thank you very much for your letter and advice on our manuscript entitled "Serum Vaspin Concentration in Elderly Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Macrovascular Complications" (BEND-D-17-00023R2). Accordingly, we have revised the manuscript. Also, point-by-point responses to the comments are listed following this letter. We hope that the revision is acceptable and look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Qi Hua
1. As you have been made aware, your manuscript had been considered by our Research Integrity Group owing to the retrospective nature of the ethics approval received. They have responded to indicate that it will be necessary for you to add a specific statement to the 'Ethical approval and consent to participate' section of the Declarations to ensure complete transparency as follows:

Ethics approval was granted retrospectively by Xuanwu Hospital, Capital Medical University. After careful consideration the ethics committee decided to grant retrospective ethics approval on the basis that the study was not invasive, the study was deemed to be minimal risk to participants and informed consent was obtained

[please remove 'Our study was approved by the Ethics Committee of Xuanwu Hospital, Capital Medical University (reference number: 2017-008)'].

Please ensure that this statement is added to the manuscript.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. Correction has been made in the revised manuscript (Page 18, Line 374-378).

2. In addition, in the 'Consent for publication' section, Not applicable should be stated

Response: In the 'Consent for publication' section, Not applicable have been stated (Page 18, Line 381).