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Title: Factors Associated with Type 2 Diabetes in Patients with Vascular Dementia: A Population-Based Cross-Sectional Study

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1. There are some Associate Editor comments which remain - see end of email. Please address them and amend your manuscript accordingly.

Ans: We have amended the manuscript accordingly and asked one native English-speaking teacher to edit this manuscript one more time. Thanks!

2. Please check your manuscript for any typographical and spelling errors and amend them. For example, in the Background section, there is an instance of "Type 2diabetes mellitus (DM)", though they should be a space in between "2" and "diabetes".

Ans: We have corrected all typographical and spelling errors in the new edition. Thanks!

3. Please consider the list of authors as it currently stands with reference to our guidelines regarding qualification for authorship (http://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#authorship).

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Ans: We apologize for not clarifying these author contributions. We have clarified their contributions in the following sentences: “SJH acquired the data and provided critical input on earlier versions of the manuscript. MTW and CKL reviewed the manuscript critically for intellectual content.” (page 17-18).

4. The manuscript is now improved and is suitable for publication, pending careful review for persistent grammatical and syntax errors.

Ans: We have had additional English editing performed on the manuscript. Details of amended sentences are provided below.

5. Also, could you remove colour from the various figures and use more conventional black, white and grey instead please?

Ans: We have removed the color from Figures 1 and 2.

6. Lastly, it would be better to have institution- affiliated emails rather than "gmail" or other generic email accounts.

Ans: We have change to institution-affiliated emails on pages 1 and 2.