Author’s response to reviews

Title: Relationship between inflammatory markers and mild cognitive impairment in Chinese patients with type 2 diabetes: a case-control study

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Dear editor,

We have studied the comments carefully and have revised the paper. We provide below our detailed responses to your comments.

Thank you for your editorial assistance.

Best regards,

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The point-by-point responses to the comments below:

Technical Comments:

Editor Comments:

1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/jcbn/54/2/54_13-89/_pdf

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-12515-z

This overlap mainly exists in the Methods and Results sections.

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Response: Thank for your suggestion. We have re-phrased these sections to minimise overlap in our revised manuscript (Methods section: Page 6-10, Line 90-171; Part Results section: Page 10, Line 174-188).

2. Please include the emails of the all co-authors on the title page. Please ensure the corresponding author is still indicated.

Response: Thank for your suggestion. We have added emails of the all co-authors on the title page in our revised manuscript.

3. In order to be in line with journal requirements, please include the following headings within your manuscript: Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions

Response: Thank for your suggestion. We have checked the following headings and modified it in our revised manuscript (Page 16, Line 315).

4. Figures should be provided as separate files, and each figure of a manuscript should be submitted as a single file.

Figure files should contain only the image, as well as any associated keys/annotations. If legends are present within the figure files, please remove them.

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Response: Thank for your concern. We have replaced table 3 with Figure 1 and the original tables 3 and 4 have been renamed as the tables 4 and 5 accordingly. Moreover, we have expanded table 1 to compare the differences of the general characteristics between the high and low folate subgroups.
5. 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: Thank for your suggestion. We have described the role of the funding body in our revised manuscript (Page 18, Line 347-350).