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Dear Prof Cocks,

We are very pleased to know that our manuscript "Association between lifestyle and thyroid dysfunction: a cross-sectional epidemiologic study in the She ethnic minority group of Fujian Province in China" is potentially acceptable for publication in MBM Endocrine Disorders. We have carried out the essential revisions according to the comments of the editor. Please see our response to specific comments below. Should you have any questions, please contact us without hesitation. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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