Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors in non-menopausal and postmenopausal inpatients with type 2 diabetes mellitus in China

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Dear editor,

Thank you very much for your constructive comments on this article. We have made revisions to the manuscript based on your suggestion. Below are details of how we have addressed the points raised.

Best wishes

Editor Comments:

1. Please add a declarations heading after the Abbreviations and before the Acknowledgements.

   Reply: Thank you very much! According to your suggestion, we added the declarations heading after the Abbreviations and before the Acknowledgements ( Declarations section, line 50, page 13).

2. Please provide a reason why verbal consent to participate was used rather than written consent. Please add this information to the "Ethics and Consent to Participate" section of the Declarations. Please clarify if this was approved by the ethics committee.
When the patients were admitted to the hospital, the doctor signed a treatment consent form with them and asked if they agreed to participate in our study. The signed documents were kept with the documentation of each patient. When they were discharged from hospital, the cases were filed, resulting in written consent not needed again. However, verbal informed consent was obtained from all participants in our study. Based on your comments, we added this information to the "Ethics and Consent to Participate" section of the Declarations (Declaration sections, line 31-40, page 14).

3. Please remove the two additional files, as they are no longer required.

Reply: Thanks! We removed the two additional files.

4. It has come to our attention that within your manuscript there is some text overlap with other publications, particularly:

Page 2, lines 46-56:


Please re-phrase this section in your own words to avoid direct overlap.

Reply: Sorry for the problem. According to your suggestion, the sentence was expressed by my own words as follows: among diabetic patients, high glucose promotes the increase of reactive oxygen species formation, which may neutralize the vasorelaxant and anti-inflammatory effects of NO. In hyperglycemia, the estrogen receptors α to estrogen receptors β ratio declined with the decreased secretion of estrogen modulation on endothelial estrogen receptor expression, which may lead to vascular injury. We modified it in the text (Background section, line 48-57, page 2).

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Reply: We strictly followed your requirements. Thanks.