Dear Editor in Chief of BMC Endocrine Disorders,

We are submitting here the revised manuscript of our previously submitted article entitled, “Associations of serum low-density lipoprotein and systolic blood pressure levels with type 2 diabetic patients with and without peripheral neuropathy: Systemic review, meta-analysis and meta-regression analysis of observational studies (BEND-D-19-00286)”.

In revising the paper, we have carefully considered your comments and suggestions, as well as the reviewer. After providing a brief overview of ways in which the paper was revised, we have given a point to point response to each comments/suggestions hereunder.
I enjoyed reading this manuscript and do hope that my comments help you to further clarify your ideas/arguments and ultimately lead to a stronger contribution. Please accept our manuscript for the publication in your journal.

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Rebuttal Letter

Responses to Editor Comments

1. Please rename the "Materials and methods" section in the abstract to "Methods".

   • Response: The authors would like to thank the Editor for pointing out this error. We renamed the "Materials and methods" section in the abstract to "Methods" at Abstract section, line 8, page 3.

2. Please remove the duplicate "Acknowledgements" section, which is currently located above the "Declarations" header.

   • Response: Thanks a lot to the Editor for this valuable suggestion. First of all, please accept our deep apologizes for this mistake and insouciance. In the revised format of paper, we have just one "Acknowledgements" section which is located after the "Authors' contributions" header: Acknowledgements section, line 25, page 18.

3. The individual contributions of all authors to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors’ Contributions section. Currently the contributions of QLW and YD are not described. Guidance and criteria for authorship can be found here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#authorship

   • Response: Once again, thanks for pointing this out. We revised “Authors' contributions” section with covering contributions of all authors in details: Authors' contributions section, line 19-23, page 18.

4. We note the addition of a new author, Youcai Deng, since the original submission of the manuscript, as well as a change in the order of authors. In line with COPE guidelines, BioMed Central requires written confirmation from all authors that they agree with any proposed changes
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- Response: Thank you for the warm attention and your compliments about our paper. We attached the “Change of authorship request form” separately. This form is approved and wet-signed by all authors of paper.

5. Please move the additional files list to after the references.

- Response: Once again, thanks for pointing this out. We moved “additional files” section after the references: additional files section, line 1-6, page 28.

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- Response: We are grateful for the helpful comments and suggestions from the Editor. In this round, all of attached files is any single, final and clean version files that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colors.

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