Author’s response to reviews

Title: High normal TSH is associated with lower mannan-binding lectin in women of reproductive age

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Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to resubmit the paper entitled “High normal TSH is associated with lower mannan-binding lectin in women of childbearing age” (Ms. Ref. No.: BEND-D-19-00064R3).

According to the Editor's remarks, the manuscript has been reviewed by a native English speaker and proper changes have been introduced into the text.

Concerning “excessive use of abbreviations”, most abbreviations (such as thyroid tests or thyroid antibodies) which occur in our paper are routinely used not only in endocrinology but generally in medicine. Regarding MBL (i.e. mannan binding lectin), it is justified to use this abbreviation, as it is the main variable evaluated in the study, thus mentioning most frequently. However, we removed one abbreviation, i.e. “LPO” for lipid peroxidation, and we decided to use only the full name, i.e. lipid peroxidation, throughout the text.

We hope that in this revised form our paper may be considered for publication in BMC Endocrine Disorders.

We thank you in advance for your editorial consideration and we are looking forward to receiving your decision concerning this revised manuscript.

Sincerely yours,
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