Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors associated with menstrual cycle irregularity and menopause

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Santiago Palacios,

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Dear Santiago Palacios

We appreciate your e-mail dated January 22, 2018. We would like to re-submit attached manuscript entitled “Factors associated with menstrual cycle irregularity and menopause” to the BMC Women’s Health.

We have carefully considered all comments from the editor, and revised the manuscript accordingly. Here we would like to specifically address editor’s comments:

1. In the ‘Availability of data and materials’ section please could you provide as direct link to the data included in this study

Response: We thank the editor for his/her valuable suggestion. As the editor’s comment, we have revised the website address:
Availability of data and materials

Data are available through the website of the KCDC.

https://knhanes.cdc.go.kr/knhanes/sub03/sub03_02_02.do

2. In your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section of your declarations please confirm if data was anonymised prior to its use in this study

Response: We thank the editor for his/her constructive suggestion. We have added the explanation about KNHANES as follows:

Ethics approval and consent to participate

Informed consent were obtained from the participants, and the research scheme and data collection methods was approved by the Ethics Committee of the KCDC (2007-02CON-04-P, 2008-04EXP-01-C, 2009-01CON-03-2C, 2010-02CON-21-C, 2011-02CON-06-C, 2012-01EXP-01-2C, 2013-07CON-03-4C, and 2013-12EXP-03-5C). The KNHANES data is open to the public after anonymization.

3. 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.

Response: We thank the editor for his/her correction. We have deleted the title in figure file.

4. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.
All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Response: We thank the editor for his/her kind guidance. We have prepared and uploaded manuscript and figure according to editor’s comment.

We thank the editor for his/her thoughtful suggestions. We hope the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in your journal.

Sincerely yours,

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