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 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 your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section of your declarations please confirm whether written consent was obtained from participants. If written consent was not obtained, please explain why not.

Response: We thank the editor for his/her valuable suggestion. As the editor’s comment, we have revised the Ethics approval and consent to participate:

- Page 15, line 5-10
The Korea National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (KNHANES) was approved by the Ethics Committee of the Korea Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (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). All study participants provided a written informed consent to agree the data to be used in national statistics and research. The KNHANES data is open to the public after anonymization.

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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 guidance. We hope the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in your journal.

Sincerely yours,

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