Author’s response to reviews

Title: Menstrual Characteristics, Disorders And Associated Risk Factors Among Female International Students In Zhejiang Province, China: A cross-sectional survey.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to comments and suggestions concerning our article (ID: BMWH-D-17-00227R1): Menstrual Characteristics, Disorders and Associated Risk Factors among Female International Students in Zhejiang Province, China. We would like to express out utmost gratitude to reviewers for taking time and effort to read and give helpful suggestions to help improve our manuscript. We have therefore addressed major concerns below.

As per the editor’s comment, we have included the email addresses of all the authors on the title page and also removed the figure title from the figure file in our revised manuscript.

Reviewer 1 raises an authentic view about a grammatical expression “before and after China” and the corrected form of this sentence has been included and highlighted in the revised manuscript. Reviewer 1 made mention of a typical typo ‘median BMI = 3’ has also been corrected in all the areas mentioned in the manuscript. We therefore wish the reviewer will take another look at our revised manuscript.

Reviewer 2 suggested we correct certain grammatical errors in the manuscript. We the authors took this point seriously and we have to the best of our ability corrected all grammatical errors and typos. Reviewer 2 also suggested we add the study design to the title which we complied with in the revised manuscript.


Another point reviewer 2 was to correct two typos in the abstract (1. Typo "semi-structured questionnaire on their menstrual history before and after (arrival) China ..." 2. typo " arrival in (to) China). These have been corrected in the revised manuscript. Another correction by reviewer 2 was for us to rearrange the order in the OR, CI and p-value appeared in the manuscript into (OR, 95% CI, p value) which we have completed in our revised manuscript.

In compliance with a further suggestion by reviewer 2, we the authors have also included more details about the main menstrual disorders reported by students as stipulated in the results and conclusion parts in the abstract section.

Authors upon further reading have also included more information about the pathophysiology of the various menstrual disorders reported by the students and have also added the impact of these disorders on the students’ life as suggested by reviewer 2. This has not only increased the volume of the introduction section of the revised manuscript but it has also provided a more detailed and comprehensive up to date information on the subject.

Finally, like reviewer 1, reviewer 2 also drew our attention to a typo (The median (±SD) BMI for the population was 3 ± 0.775 kg/m2) in the results section which have been corrected in all areas they appear in the revised manuscript.

Having revised most of the major suggestions from the reviewers we look forward to hearing a response about our submission. We are once again entirely grateful for the comments and would be glad to respond to any further questions and comments that you may have.

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