Author's response to reviews

Title: Joint association between birth weight at term and later life adherence to a healthy lifestyle with risk of hypertension: A prospective cohort study

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Dear Dr. D'Souza:

Re: "MS: 1472920088159423: Joint association between birth weight at term and later life adherence to a healthy lifestyle with risk of hypertension: A prospective cohort study"

Thank you very much for your letter dated June 19, 2015, where the editor and the reviewers commented on our manuscript and we were offered the opportunity to revise it for further consideration. I would like to express our appreciations for the suggestions and comments from you and the reviewers.

We have taken the comments and suggestions into consideration and revised the manuscript accordingly. On the response letter, you will find our point-to-point responses to the reviewers’ comments, and details of the lines on which the changes have been made.

In brief, we have added (1) standard deviation in Table1 (page 28); (2) clarification of informed consent (Page 6 lines 17-18) and (3) emails of all coauthors in the Title page.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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Response to Reviewer and Editors’ comments

1. There seems a typo. “± standard deviation (SD)” was not actually reported in Table 1. Please revise accordingly in the main text “Statistical Analysis” and the footnote of Table 1.

Response: Thank you for finding this inconsistency. We have added standard deviation for all “means” in Table 1 (Page 28).

2. Informed consent must also be documented and please provide a statement in the manuscript to this effect.

Response: We have added the clarification of “The completion of the self-administered questionnaire was considered to imply informed consent.” (Page 6 lines 17-18), which was a unified statement for informed consent of our cohorts.

3. Provide email addresses. See the following link for instructions:

   http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/authors/instructions/researcharticle#formatting-title

Response: According to the instruction, we have added the emails of all authors in the Title page of the manuscript.