

Response letter

Dear editor,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit the revised manuscript. Here are the changes that we have made based on the suggestions by the Editor and reviewers.

1. Author contributions Added
2. Funding: grant approval added
3. Institutional review board statement: added, PDF signed statement submitted.
4. Informed consent statement: added PDF signed statement submitted.
5. Biostatistics: added, PDF signed statement submitted.
6. Conflict of Interest statement added, PDF signed statement submitted.
7. Data sharing statement: added, PDF signed statement submitted.
8. Core tip: added
9. Audio core tip added
10. Reference number: added as superscript instead of square brackets
11. Article Highlights: added
12. Legends for all abbreviations: added
13. PUBMED ID and DOI numbers for citations: added

Response to comments from reviewers:

Reviewer 1:

1. Inclusion of C-reactive protein levels in the main text: done
2. Correlation between insulin levels and BMC

Reviewer 2:

1. Inclusion of C - reactive protein: done

Reviewer 3:

1. Include the years when they were enrolled: added
2. Mention the covariates that were used in the regression table. done

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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