

1 We thank the Editor and the Reviewers for the time spent in reviewing our manuscript and for the  
2 opportunity to resubmit it after appropriate revision. Changes made have been highlighted in yellow  
3 in the revised version of the text.

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5 Reviewer #1:

6 **Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

7 **Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

8 **Conclusion:** Major revision

9 **Specific Comments to Authors:** The occurrence of microalbuminuria in children with obesity is an  
10 emerging issue. In this paper, the authors attempted to address three debated questions regarding the  
11 intriguing relationship between insulin-resistance and microalbuminuria in children with obesity: 1)  
12 what is the prevalence of pediatric MA? 2) Which is the state of art of MA in children with obesity?  
13 and 3) Is there a link between IR and MA in children with obesity? In general, this paper is well  
14 written and provides some useful information. However, I have the following concerns: 1. This  
15 paper is aimed to reviewing ‘the tangled relationship between insulin resistance and  
16 microalbuminuria in children with obesity’, however, there is only a small part of text devoting to  
17 the relationship. I suggest that the authors either revise the title to reflect the content of the whole  
18 manuscript or provide more information on the relationship.

19 Answer: thank you for your valuable comment. We agree with your observation and we are aware  
20 that the section regarding the relationship between IR and MA is relatively limited. To date, there  
21 are no extensive scientific data examining this intriguing association in childhood. However, we  
22 presented and discussed in a more specific manner the available evidence in this field in the revised  
23 version of the manuscript. Please see lines 231-232 and 241-256 of the revised version of the text .

24 2. In the paragraph ‘INSULIN RESISTANCE AND MA IN CHILDHOOD OBESITY: IS THERE  
25 A LINK?’, some key statements lack references.

26 Answer: we added the missing references in the paragraph. Please see lines 230-256 of the revised  
27 version of the manuscript.

28 3. This manuscript needs a minor editing work. For example, remove ‘by’ from ‘by suggesting’ and  
29 ‘by supporting’; remove ‘female’ from ‘female sex’; remove ‘and’ from ‘Given and’; revise the first  
30 sentence in the Introduction section; revise ‘In this context, MA and obesity a similar and additive  
31 effect on the risk of death’; remove ‘and’ from ‘the central role of these factors and in the  
32 development of kidney damage’.

33 Answer: Thank you for your comment. We edited the text accordingly. Please see the revised  
34 version of the text.

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36 Reviewer #2:

37 **Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

38 **Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

39 **Conclusion:** Minor revision

40 **Specific Comments to Authors:** 1 Title. Does the title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the  
41 manuscript? Yes 2 Abstract. Does the abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the  
42 manuscript? Yes 3 Key words. Do the key words reflect the focus of the manuscript? Yes 4

43 Background. Does the manuscript adequately describe the background, present status and  
44 significance of the study? Yes 5 Methods. Does the manuscript describe methods (e.g., experiments,  
45 data analysis, surveys, and clinical trials, etc.) in adequate detail? Yes 6 Results. Are the research  
46 objectives achieved by the experiments used in this study? What are the contributions that the study  
47 has made for research progress in this field? NA 7 Discussion. Does the manuscript interpret the  
48 findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically?  
49 Are the findings and their applicability/relevance to the literature stated in a clear and definite  
50 manner? Is the discussion accurate and does it discuss the paper's scientific significance and/or  
51 relevance to clinical practice sufficiently? Yes 8 Illustrations and tables. Are the figures, diagrams  
52 and tables sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents? Do figures  
53 require labeling with arrows, asterisks etc., better legends? Yes 9 Biostatistics. Does the manuscript  
54 meet the requirements of biostatistics? Yes 10 Units. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of  
55 use of SI units? Yes 11 References. Does the manuscript cite appropriately the latest, important and  
56 authoritative references in the introduction and discussion sections? Yes Does the author self-cite,  
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58 presentation. Is the manuscript well, concisely and coherently organized and presented? Is the style,  
59 language and grammar accurate and appropriate? Yes 13 Research methods and reporting. Authors  
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61 as follows: (1) CARE Checklist (2013) - Case report; (2) CONSORT 2010 Statement - Clinical  
62 Trials study, Prospective study, Randomized Controlled trial, Randomized Clinical trial; (3)  
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66 appropriate research methods and reporting? Yes 14 Ethics statements. For all manuscripts  
67 involving human studies and/or animal experiments, author(s) must submit the related formal ethics  
68 documents that were reviewed and approved by their local ethical review committee. Did the  
69 manuscript meet the requirements of ethics? Yes Accept after minor text editing.

70 *Answer:* thank you for your appreciation. We polished the English language in the revised version  
71 of the text.

## 72 **6 EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS**

### 73 *(1) Science editor:*

74 The manuscript has been peer-reviewed, and it's ready for the first decision.

75 Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

76 Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

77 *Answer:* thank you for this valuable opportunity. We revised the manuscript according to reviewers'  
78 comment and polished the English language throughout the manuscript.

### 79 *(2) Company editor-in-chief:*

80 I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics  
81 documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of  
82 Clinical Pediatrics, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the  
83 author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the  
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105 Wu MY, Zhou L, Zhou YM, Wang Y, Zheng FJ, Li YH. Regulatory effect of a Chinese herbal  
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118 at: <https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>.

119 *Answer:* thank you for this valuable opportunity. We revised the manuscript accordingly. We  
120 confirm that the figure is original. As required, we have added the copyright information in the  
121 revised figure 1.

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