Response to Reviewers

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you very much for your letter and the comments to our manuscript entitled "Relationship between age of pregnant women with gestational diabetes mellitus and mode of delivery and neonatal Apgar score". Those comments are very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as of important guiding significance to our future researches. We modify our paper as follows according to your comments.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This is a very interesting study of the relationship between age of pregnant gestational diabetes mellitus women and mode of delivery and neonatal Apgar score. The study is very well designed and the methods are described in detail. Results are interesting. After a minor editing, it can be accepted for publication.

Response: Thank you for your recognition of our work. We have further refined the manuscript. We will continue our efforts in scientific research.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This study analyzed the relationship between age of pregnant women with gestational diabetes mellitus and mode of delivery and neonatal Apgar score. The results are reasonable, and well discussed. The conclusion was made based the data of the results, and attractive. Manuscript is very well written. The reviewer recommends its publication.

Response: Thank you for your recognition of our work. We will continue our efforts in scientific research.

Reviewer #3:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The incidence of fetal distress, polyhydramnios, puerperal infection, premature delivery, and macrosomia in pregnant women with GDM are higher than in those without GDM. However, there are no effective measures to avoid the adverse outcomes of older-age pregnancies, especially those with GDM. In this study, the delivery mode and

neonatal Apgar score of pregnant women with GDM at different ages were compared, to improve the pregnancy outcome of the older pregnant women, and provide a reference for ensuring the effect of eugenics and prenatal care. The study is very well designed and the results are very interesting. Comments:

- 1. The manuscript requires a minor editing.
- 2. References should be edited and updated according to the journal's guidelines.
- 3. Figure 2 is too small, please update the image.

Response to question 1: Thank you for your suggestions. We have revised our manuscript carefully.

Response to question 2: We have revised the References according to the journal's guidelines.

Response to question 3: We have offered a new Figure 2.

We thank the editors and reviewer for their hard work and hope our work will make it more acceptable for publication.

Thank you, Sincerely yours, Hai-wei Liu,