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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11771-review.doc).

Title: Risk Factors for Cost-Related Medication Non-Adherence among Older Patients with Diabetes

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer/editor:

1. Comments from the S-editor: 1) Column of the manuscript: The abstract and the body of the manuscript are conforming to the Research Report. 2) Core Tip: the Core Tip was added following the main body of the manuscript. 3) Running and key words were added.
2. Comments from Reviewer 1: please divide in to discussion and conclusion - was this study approved by the ethics commetee? - Is there a list with the questions asked at the telephone interview?
Response: We have revised the manuscripts and segmented the materials into the sections of discussion and conclusion. The study was based on a publicly available data set without human subject, so the approval by the Institutional Review Board was waived. The list of questions at the telephone interview can be found at the Health and Retirement Study at <http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/>.
3. Comments from Reviewer 2: 1. It would be better to add the difference of risk for CRN between the patients age less than 65 and over 65 in greater detail. 2. It would be better to add the difference of the risk between gender in greater detail. 3. It would be better to discuss the mechanisms why nursing home residence decreased risk. Response: we have added a more detailed discussion on the risk factor of age less than 65, gender, and the mechanism why nursing home residence decreased risk, by including the discussion on pent-up demand, gender difference in CRN, and the role of nursing home.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Diabetes*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'X Zhang', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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