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Title: No significant association between Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors and adverse outcomes of COVID-19

Summary of the major concerns and responses from Science Editor

We greatly appreciate all the efforts of editors and reviewers in addressing and reviewing our manuscript entitled “**No significant association between Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors and adverse outcomes of COVID-19**”. According to these thoughtful comments and suggestions, we have carefully revised the manuscript and rigorously proofread the revised paper. The major responses are listed below and detailed in the point-by-point response. Here are the major actions taken for revision:

1. Our manuscript had been carefully polished by professional English language editing company and the formal language editing certificate was provided (No. 10. 58044-Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate).
2. The approval or application documents of the supporting grants were provided (No.7. 58044-Approved Grant Application Form(s) or Funding Agency Copy of any Approval Document).
3. We had prepared and arranged the editable figures using PowerPoint for editors to reprocess (No.11. 58044-Image file).
4. The “article highlights” section was added at the end of the main text (page. 15-17) according to the requirements listed in “Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision: Observational Study”.
5. STROBE checklist was completed with page numbers (No.13. 58044-STROBE statement).

Point-by-Point Response to Science Editor

Question 1. Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A and Grade C. The authors need to provide the language certificate of professional language company.

Response: Our manuscript had been carefully polished by professional English language editing company and the formal language editing certificate was provided, please see **Action 1**.

Question 2. I found the authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).

Response: We prepared and uploaded the approval or application documents of the supporting grants, please see **Action 2**.

Question 3. I found the authors did not provide the original figures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Response: We had prepared and arranged the editable figures using PowerPoint for editors to reprocess, please see **Action 3**.

Question 4. I found the authors did not write the “article highlight” section. Please write the “article highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Response: The “article highlights” section was added at the end of the main text (page. 15-17), please see **Action 4**.

Question 5. Academic norms and rules: the authors need to fill out the STROBE checklist with page numbers.

Response: STROBE checklist was completed with the page numbers, please see **Action 5**.