

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: 16458-review.doc).

**Title:** Empirical analysis of body constitution and food intake in persons with diabetes mellitus

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

1. Format has been updated.

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

3.

(1) Reviewed by 02446566

Contradicting results between similar questions of the Yin-Yang Assessment Questionnaire were calculated by percentage. Questions with similar meanings and nearly equal frequency were combined into one question. This point was included in the third paragraph of "DISCUSSION" section (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page 12 to 13).

Response to the reviewer's question: "It is possible that the two counter-acting power coexist in a same person. In accordance with the theory of Yin-Yang interaction, the weaker the Yin, the weaker the Yang it will be and vice versa. That is, unregulated Yin-deficiency will weaken the Yang to further change to Yin-Yang-deficiency". This point was suggested in line 1 under the "INTRODUCTION" section (line 6 to line 8 on page 5).

(2) Reviewed by 0244656

The reviewer accepted my manuscript without any suggestions.

(3) Reviewed by 02446525

Minor language was polished.

Since body constitution is the main focus, it was not necessary to describe the form of Chinese medicine. However, a brief explanation of Chinese diagnostic

technique and treatment mode was included from line 4 to line 6 under the "DISCUSSION" section on page 11.

The Yin-Yang Assessment Questionnaire does not serve to make diagnosis of diabetes mellitus (DM) but identification of the Yin- and Yang-deficiency presentation of persons with DM. In order to make clear of the role of this instrument, its core function was emphasized in the first paragraph of the "DISCUSSION" section (line 6 to line 11 on page 11).

3. References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

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