

Dear Lian-Sheng Ma, Editor in Chief
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Re my joint invited review article, Diabetes mellitus and Hypothyroidism : strange bedfellows or mutual companions?, (ESPS manuscript 12402; ID 0140 6908).

I have found the Reviewers comments all very positive and constructive. I have dealt with them as follows:

1, Reviewer 1 alluded to possible changes in gut microflora that might be important. This is now mentioned on Page 5.

2, Reviewer 2 pointed out the duplication of Reference 19, which has now been deleted – and all subsequent references renumbered. Also the target range for TSH to aim at on treatment has been added and referenced (Ref.33).Unfortunately we do not have enough data to look at the reverse situation of how many patients with hypothyroidism have diabetes.

3. Reviewer 3. We have corrected the typographical errors pointed out. Also the causes of hypoglycaemia in hypothyroidism has been further clarified.

Hopefully the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in World Journal of Diabetes.

Kindest regards

Sincerely

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