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Dear Dr Qiu

Re: Manuscript No. 21237 World Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology – Original Article after revision

Thank you for inviting me to revise an original article "Variation in use of menopausal hormone treatment on risk of serious medical outcomes" to the *World Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

This study is part of a longitudinal multi-disciplinary assessment of ageing in an on-going cohort of women recruited at age 40-80 years and followed for the last 14 years.

We have read the reviewers comments and submit the following changes as recommended:

1. We recognise the study to be observational based on small cohort. However, the follow-up data are available on all the women, up to 14 years;
2. We have also treated the database by multi-variate analysis adjusting for age at recruitment, lifestyle factors including smoking, and co-morbidities. The updated findings are incorporated in the text as well as table 2 – the track changes are indicated;
3. We have only a small number of women using oestrogen only regimen and at that period of study 2000-2002, the available mode was only oral. That information has been mentioned in the result section.

We believe we have answered all the reviewers comments and made changes accordingly.

With best wishes



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