Reply to the comments:

Name of journal: *World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics*

Manuscript NO: 91699

Title: Editorial on childhood asthma biomarkers including zinc: An exploratory cross-sectional study

Reviewer’s comments:

The work submitted to me for review is interesting and contains a lot of useful clinical information. I have a few critical comments:

1. No information: what key did the authors use when selecting articles for discussion?
   
   Ans – It is an editorial article, not a systematic review article where we normally add search strategy and other details to show the detailed methods of screening and article selection. Search terms “Asthma AND Zinc AND Children” were used to retrieve the relevant studies.

2. There is no information about the age of the patients from the studies analyzed in the article.
   
   Ans – All the studies cited in the article recruited the pediatric population. Discussing the age group of all the cited studies will increase the word count significantly. Still, the text has been modified to show that the cited studies have included children.

3. Were antibiotics used in the study groups and if so, why were antibiotics used:
   
   Ans – The authors of the study have not mentioned anything about antibiotic use in the study population.

Editorial office’s comments

1. Please add the author's contribution section. The format of this section will be as follows:

   Author contributions: Wang CL, Liang L, Fu JF, Zou CC, Hong F and Wu XM designed the research; Wang CL, Zou CC, Hong F and Wu XM performed the research; Xue JZ and Lu
JR contributed new reagents/analytic tools; Wang CL, Liang L and Fu JF analyzed the data; Wang CL, Liang L and Fu JF wrote the paper.

Ans – Added. It is an editorial article and there is only one author.

2. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. If there is no PMID or DOI, please provide the website address.

Ans – All the references were checked and corrected.

3. Please provide the filled conflict-of-interest disclosure form.

Ans – Filled and submitted

4. The article that this editorial discussed has not been listed in the references list. Please add the article that this editorial discussed to the main text and references list.

Ans – Added (Ref 5). This article has not been published yet so I could not find the citation or DOI/PMID, etc.