Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor Nina Titmus:

We are so excited and consider it is a great honor to get your email of March 24, 2010. Thank you very much with regard to my manuscript (MS: 2143735918304573) together with the comments from the reviewers.

According to the comments, we have revised the relevant part in the original manuscript. We also responded point by point to reviewer’s comments as listed below, along with a clear indication of the location of the revision. We hope that the revised manuscript is acceptable for publication.

Thank you very much for continued attention.

Cordially,

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R: Repairs to editor:

1. Please revise the Background section of the Abstract to include context information.

   R: Page 3, line 3-4, Abstract: add “Although several studies have reported the direct cost of oral cancer (OC), little research has invested the factors that could influence the costs of OC patient.”
To reviewer Rejane Figueiredo

Discretionary Revisions

1) The description in statistical analysis about multiple linear regression: Instead using risk factor, the author can use variables which have influence in CPP.

R: (1) Page 8, line 5: change “risk factors” to “variables”
   (2) Page 13, line 13: change “risk factors” to “variables”
   (3) Page 13, line 14: change “risk factors” to “variables”
   (4) Page 13, line 17: change “risk factors” to “variables”

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Table 4 - the author must include the total percents;
   R: We redesigned table 4 and add total number and total percents.

2) In fifth paragraph (page 5) - the author said:
   “table 5 showed the logistic regression analysis of independents factors of SCC”. but according to what is writing in note of this table, I believe that the correct form would be: “table 5 showed the logistic regression analysis of independents factors of SCC and adenocarcinoma;
   R: Page 10, last paragraph: change first sentence to: “Table 5 showed the logistic regression analysis of independent factors of SCC and adenocarcinoma.”

3) In manuscript the authors didn’t mention the statistical tests they have used in multiple comparison to ANOVA tests.
   R: Page 8, line 2: add “The differences on the costs of diagnose, treatment and inpatient according pathology were also determined by ANOVA.”