Author’s response to reviews

Title: Underestimation of weight and its associated factors among overweight and obese adults in Pakistan: a cross sectional study

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Re: Responses on reviewer’s comments on manuscript MS: 3777339403542985

Titled: “Association of Self perception of weight with actual weight in adults presenting to primary care clinics in Pakistan: a cross sectional study”

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for providing valuable comments and feedback on our manuscript.

We have incorporated all the comments and suggestions made by the reviewer and revised the manuscript. The revisions are highlighted in the text. The manuscript has also been copy edited by a native English speaker.

Please also find the point by point summary of the concerns attached along with this.

With thanks and best regards,

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Reviewer: Sara Kirk

Minor essential revisions

1. As highlighted by the reviewer, the font and line spacing has been changed in line with the document. Also the redundant sentence in procedure and the sentence on personal information have been deleted as suggested.

2. The reviewer concern about the words “thin” and “slim” are wellfounded. The actual meaning of the word used in Urdu translates to both thin and slim into English.

3. As suggested by the reviewer, the word “attitude” has been removed and the question has been rephrased as suggested.

4. The sentence has been clarified as highlighted by the reviewer.

5. According to reviewer’s suggestion the sentence has been deleted.

6. Page numbers have been inserted and all mentioned typographical errors are corrected as suggested by the reviewer.

7. As suggested, the manuscript has been re-checked for errors by the authors and copyedited by a native English speaker again.
Reviewer: Kristiina Ojala

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. As recommended by the reviewer, Table 1 has been exploited, 95% Confidence Intervals for proportions have been added to the table and the results section has been revised accordingly. Suggestion for the limitation section has also been incorporated.

2. As highlighted by the reviewer, the conclusion has been modified. The role of primary prevention for obesity management has been emphasized as suggested. Role of other factors for weight control behavior like body satisfaction have been added to the discussion as recommended.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. The sentence suggested by the reviewer has been added.

2. The sentence has been rephrased as advised.

3. The different BMI cut off points have been added as suggested.

Discretionary Revisions -

1. The highlighted sentence has been divided into two parts as suggested by the reviewer.