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Dear Editors, dear Jimmar Dizon,

we hereby resubmit the manuscript "Body weight dissatisfaction by socio-economic status among obese, preobese and normal weight women and men: Results of the cross-sectional KORA Augsburg S4 population survey" as a Research Article to *BMC Public Health*. We made the changes you suggested point-by-point as follows:

- The manuscript was edited thoroughly to correct English, grammar and remove colloquial language, supported by a colleague with a background in English studies.
- Regarding use of acronyms, you mentioned "BWD" which in fact is rather uncommon, so we omitted it except for the ordinates in the figures. Regarding another acronym, "SES" for socio-economic status, we kept it since on the one hand, we find it quite common in the literature (the same holds for "BMI", i.e. body mass index), and on the other hand omitting "BWD" minimizes the number of sentences with more than one acronym. We omitted "CAPI" (computer-aided personal interviewing). Other acronyms seem common to us (e.g. "OR" for odds ratio).
- We have rephrased our abstract's conclusion to be more precise, and to better answer the 'so what' question. Also, we omitted the basic research-oriented, rather marginal social comparison perspective. Thus, we now have more room to highlight the importance, and the SES-gradient in body weight dissatisfaction among preobese and obese men (incl. its possible explanatory function for higher BMI in lower SES men). All this we did not only do in the abstract, but the Conclusion-section as well, and added the p-values for gradient trends in the Results-section.

We hope that these changes have sufficiently taken account of your very helpful remarks, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

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