Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors and socioeconomic level among public-sector workers in Angola

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To
Jimmar Dizon
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Re: 1010713647748305 - Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors and socioeconomic level among public-sector workers in Angola

Dear editor,

We are resubmitting a revised version of the attached MS. I have received comments from only one reviewer. I suppose that the version analysed was out of the original configuration. Thus, some symbols, such that used to indicate the Chi-squared value ($X^2$, for exemplo) did not appear in the text. English language was revised and we tried to attend all question raised by the reviewer. Hopefully our article can be accepted for publication in BMC Public Health.

I am attaching 3 files:
   1) Letter to the editor and the reviewer
   2) The file I have received with the reviewer comments
   3) The revised version (v.3) of the article. To facilitate the revision process, main changes in the v.3 are highlighted in yellow.

Sincerely yours,

José G Mill, PhD, MD
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Responses to the reviewer comments:

In this v.3 of our manuscript we have provided a revision of the English language as suggested. Main modifications are highlighted in yellow. The tried to attend all suggestions included as observations in the original version (v.2) you have examined. We appreciate your effort to review our article and would like to apologize because some typographic mistakes were not removed when the v.2 of the manuscript was submitted.

Specific comments:

Introduction:
Para 2, line 2 – correction of English language provided.
Para 4, line 7 – correction of English language provided.

Methods
Para 2, lines 4, 5, 6 – corrections provided
N1 – We removed the sentence according to the reviewer suggestion.
N2 – the questionnaire used was not validated to African population. However it was previously tested in a small sample of workers of UAN to ascertain its adequacy to the Angolan population. This information was included in the v.3 of the manuscript (see page 6, lines 4-5)
N3 – Duplicated parts were removed.
N4 – An initial rest period of 5 to 10 min was observed. This information was added to the text in the v.3 of the manuscript (see page 6, last paragraph).
N5 – Individuals were divided in normotensive or hypertensive according to the report of the VII Joint National Committee (see reference 15).
N6 – Blood samples were collected in the morning period and participants were previously instructed to attend to the clinic in fasting conditions. Fasting condition was confirmed by participant before blood collection. This information was included in v.3 (see page 8, last para, lines 1-2).

Results

N7 – We apologize because all symbols to X² (Chi-square test) did not appear in the text. In the v.3 we included this symbol again.
N8 – Values of the Sokolow-Lyon index (SKI) are given in Table 2.
N9 – Symbol of chi-square test included.
N10 – Meaning of excessive body weight – We initially considered as “excessive” body weights ≥25 kg/m². In this v.3 however, we changed the text to make it more comprehensive (see page 11, 3rd para, line 5).

Discussion

N11 – Education level is an important factor to the individual health. We added a general reference (reference 24) to support our view.

We observed that tables and legends were out of format in the version included in the revision. I don’t know the origin of the problem. However, all tables and legend were revised and previous mistakes were corrected.