Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Please, find enclosed a revision of our manuscript "Influence of health behaviours on the incidence of infection and allergy in adolescents. The AFINOS cross-sectional study". We have made small changes into the revised manuscript that have been detailed in our response to the reviewer’s comments below.

ANSWERS TO THE REVIEWER’S COMMENTS TO THE AUTHOR

1. Unfortunately the Z score for BMI are not calculated right. The author should re-calculate again this variable.

We thank the reviewer for raising this concern and the additional material sent in order to calculate Z score of the BMI. The Tables and Formula suggested by the reviewer are the same we had used in our calculations; however we have now noticed a typographic mistake in the mean value of the Z score of BMI for “Boys” in the table. We have corrected the figure. Once checked the other figures for “All” and “Girls”, they proved to be all right.

2. The authors use the word "gender" and "sex" along the text, it could be more appropriate to use "sex" if they are referring to biological identity.

We thank the reviewer again for the comment and agree on the appropriateness of substituting sex for gender. We have made the correction all along the manuscript.