Author’s response to reviews

Title: Physical activity, screen viewing and obesity status in a nationally representative sample of Maltese youth

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Professor Pafitis

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Dear Professor Pafitis,

Please find attached a new manuscript entitled “Physical activity, screen viewing and obesity status in a nationally representative sample of Maltese youth” which we would like to submit for consideration at BMC Public Health. The paper provides the first results of objectively measured physical activity, screen viewing and directly assessed information on the weight status of 10-11 year Maltese children. Previous studies on this area of study were mainly carried out in northern European countries and this study presents the first data from Malta which has the second highest prevalence of obesity in the western world in this age-group. Results show a low percentage of Maltese children reaching the recommended levels of activity, large amounts of screen time, and lower levels of physical activity for obese children. The paper therefore makes an important contribution to the field and warrants showcasing in a leading journal such as BMC Public Health.

This paper has not been submitted for publication nor has it been published in whole or in part elsewhere. I attest to the fact that all authors listed on the title page have read the manuscript, attest to the validity and legitimacy of the data and its interpretation, and agree to its submission to the journal. The authors declare no conflict of interest.

Cordially,

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