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Dear Editor:

I would like to resubmit the manuscript entitled “Gender-based differences in the high-risk sexual behaviours of young people aged 15-29 in Melilla (Spain): a cross-sectional study” for publication in *BMC Public Health*. I hereby declare that none of the material in the manuscript is included in another manuscript, has been published previously, or is currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Ethical guidelines were followed as described in the paper. Each author has actively participated in the work, takes responsibility for its content, and has approved the final version of the manuscript. The authors also declare that there is no conflict of interest. All experimental procedures in this study complied with the institutional and national ethical standards for human experimentation and the Helsinki Declaration of 1964 and its subsequent amendments.

Recent research suggests that gender can be a determining factor in the practice of high-risk sexual behaviours since men and women appear to engage in them differently and with different motivations. Because of this situation, it is necessary to identify and analyse the reasons that lead men and women to take risks and act in this way.

Yours sincerely,

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