Author's response to reviews

Title: Prevalence of Prehypertension and Associated Cardiovascular Risk Profiles among Prediabetic Omani Adults

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Subject: Submission of revised manuscript (MS: 2180933154687669):
Prevalence of Prehypertension and Associated Cardiovascular Risk Profiles among Prediabetic Omani Adults.

Dear Sir,

Reference: Comments of the reviewers forwarded vide your email dated October 25, 2007.

The article has now been modified after addressing the reviewers’ comments as follows:

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Para 1: No comment.

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   - Waist hip Ratio for this cohort was available, therefore, as suggested the same has now been included in the analysis and incorporated in the tables and text.

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I hope that the article in its present form is fit for publication in your esteem online journal.

Yours faithfully,

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