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Title: Use of television, videogames, and computer among children and adolescents in Italy

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RE: “Use of television, videogames, and computer among children and adolescents in Italy”

Thank you very much for having re-reviewed the manuscript “Use of television, videogames, and computer among children and adolescents in Italy” for consideration for publication in BMC Public Health. Since comments were enclosed from two reviewers I will begin with our responses to the reviewer 1.

Reviewer 1

1. As suggested, we have made all corrections in the abstract.
2. As suggested, we have made all corrections in the introduction.
3. Methods, Page 4: In response to the point regarding the sentence The questionnaire (...), computer use is mentioned twice but with different meaning, because the first indicate that were collected information about (...) computer use and the second about parental control over (...) computer use. Therefore, we have not modified the sentence. As suggested, we have made all other corrections in the methods.
4. As suggested, we have indicated that the study was approved by the Ethics Committee of the Second University of Naples.
5. As suggested, we have reformulated the first sentence and we have made the other correction in the results section.
6. As suggested, we have made the correction in the discussion section.
7. In response to the point regarding the influence of TV, videogames, and computer we have already indicated that they have effects on overweight, school and verbal performance, perceived cognitive and attention abilities, and violence
or bullying.

8. In response to the point regarding family environment, in order to avoid misunderstanding we have replaced the term environment with structure and, as suggested, we have added sentence about the family structure and we have explained the meaning.

9. In response to the point regarding the variable about the time of performing sports activity, we have clarified that this variable was transformed from minutes per week into minutes per day of performing sports activity.

10. In response to the point regarding the SD of height, there was a typographical error and the correct number is 0.1 instead of 1 and we have corrected the number.

11. In response to the point regarding the variable Playing videogames alone, we have modified the variable in Playing videogames not with somebody else.

12. As suggested, in Table 3 we have reported in all models the variables in the same order.

Reviewer 2

1. As suggested, we have deleted the decimal points of the percentage reported in the first paragraph of the Background section but we have lived those in the abstract.

2. As suggested, we have clarified that this was the first epidemiologic survey that has overall determined TV viewing, videogames playing, and computer use in children and adolescents in Italy.

3. As suggested, we have clarified that the prevalence of overweight include those obese.

4. As suggested, the language revision throughout the text has been performed.

My colleagues and I hope are most grateful for the reviewers’ comments. We are confident that these changes fully address the concerns raised therein and that the paper is publishable in BMC Public Health.

Yours sincerely,

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