Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor

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We are submitting a revised version of our original article “Compliance with continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) therapy for obstructive sleep apnea among privately paying patients: a cross sectional study” to your reputable Journal.

Below are the point-by-point responses of Reviewer comments.

Answer to the Comments of Reviewer 1:

Point 3. The reviewer also agrees that the level of dropout is not unusual. We have now discussed the reasons of dropout in detail in limitation of study in discussion section (9th Paragraph in red fonts)

Points in Discretionary Revisions.

Comment on multivariate analysis has included in last line of limitation in discussion section (9th Paragraph in red fonts)

The answer of comment on difference in private and public sector and his suggestion to add information on health care system of Pakistan and not comparing private sector patient with public sector has added in Discussion section (Paragraph 3 in red font)

Answer to the Comments of Reviewer 2:

Major points:

Comment on drop out and valid contacts has addressed in detail under first limitation of study in discussion section ((9th Paragraph in red fonts)

Comment on methods to measure compliance has addressed in detail under second limitation of study in discussion section ((9th Paragraph in red fonts). Description of questionnaire regarding compliance has added in Method section (2nd paragraph in red font).

We have now added the period of survey as suggested, in Method section (2nd paragraph in red font). This will also clarify the definition of compliance.

Minor points:

In Table1 we don’t think further division of different factors like BMI in categories will make any difference in result with small sample size in each category.

Editorial Requirement:

Acknowledgment: None to acknowledge as almost all the work has been done by authors.
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We have made changes suggested by the Editorial Board and reviewers and now re-submit the manuscript for publication.

We are hoping for publish our work in your Journal.

Thanks.

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