Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor

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We are submitting a 2nd 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:

The sentence that the Reviewer suggested to change have now changed according to his suggestion in discussion section (3rd Paragraph in blue fonts)

We have change all the additional comments now in past tense as suggested.

Answer to the Comments of Reviewer 2:

Major points:

We appreciate the comments of Reviewer about the statement regarding the general compliance level of CPAP in country. Now we clearly and cautiously mention the real compliance according to his suggestion (both in actual numbers and percentage) in 1st paragraph of Result and discussion sections (blue font).

Regarding the comment about the similarity in baseline characteristics of both valid and without valid contact patients we are now add a new table (table 1) as per his suggestion in which we show the baseline characteristics of both the groups in detail with statistical difference. As we mention the comorbidities of both the groups in table 1 as well so that we remove the figure 1 as this is the duplication of what we already shown in Table 1.

Minor points:

Regarding comments on Telephone survey and long duration of recall bias we already mention that this is one of the limitations of study and we mention this thing under limitation in second last paragraph of discussion section (blue font).

Regarding comments on Table 1 we appreciate the reviewer comments and agree that these are univariate analysis and not multiple logistic regression analysis. We have removed the word multiple logistic regression analysis from the title of the table and mention univariate analysis. Now it’s Table 2 after addition of new table 1. We also removed the multivariate analysis part from method section. We also rephrase the results in Factor associated with compliance in result section accordingly (blue font). We also mention this under limitation in 2nd last paragraph of discussion section (purple font).

Editorial Requirement:

Title page: Emails of all the authors have now added on title page.
Ethics statement: Now mentioned in 4th Paragraph of method section (blue font).
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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