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Dear Editor

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We are submitting a 3rd 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 2:

Major points:

We appreciate that this time the worthy reviewer is satisfied and no major comments has made.

Minor points:

Regarding comments on The sentence in method section "In Univariate analysis ... by Pearson Chi-square of Fisher's exact test were appropriate." must refer to the table, we refer this sentence to table 2.

Regarding comments on But, I read the table as that, for example, BMI in compliant group was higher than that in non-compliant group. I cannot understand why BMI is one of the factors "Affecting increasing compliance with CPAP therapy". Answer: In fact this is one of the finding of our study in our population that BMI was higher in compliant group as compared to non-compliant group. We cannot do much in this regards.

We have made changes suggested by the reviewer and now re-submit the manuscript for publication.

We are hoping for publish our work in your Journal.

Thanks.

With Kind regards

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