Author's response to reviews

Title: The effect of continuous ultrasound on chronic non-specific low back pain: A single blind placebo-controlled randomized trial

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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to resubmit the revisions made to the manuscript “The effect of continuous ultrasound on chronic non-specific low back pain: A single blind placebo-controlled randomized trial”

All your helpful comments are fully addressed as below.

All authors including N.H (as a native speaker) have read and approved of the manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

Safoora Ebadi

Editor's comments:

Discussion
P12 paragraph 1 - last sentence delete 'the' before placebo

Response:
“the” was deleted.

paragraph 2 - third sentence should read ...a better functional outcome in a continuous US group in comparison with a placebo..

Response:
The sentence was changed accordingly.

P13 top line delete intervention

Response:
“intervention” was deleted.

paragraph 3 - last sentence should read ...US delivery was inconsistent ..... , sources of difference with our study.
Response:
The sentence was changed according to your comment.

next paragraph first sentence - should read Since the current study...
Response:
Change was made accordingly.

P14 paragraph 2 - line 2 replace moving with movement of the US head
Response:
Thank you. Moving was replaced with movement.

line 5 - replace moving with movement
Response:
Moving was replaced with movement.

line 6 should read the Pain gate control...
Response:
Pain was added to the sentence.

last sentence - ? placebo effect applies to both groups
Response:
Thank you for your useful point.
The sentence is restructured to read: “A significant difference in the improvement of FRI scores in favor of the continuous US group can be related to the thermal and mechanical effects of continuous US.”

P15 second paragraph line 3 - ..was significnatly greater in the continuous
Response:
Change was made accordingly.

line 6 different from the two other
Response:
Change was made accordingly.

P16 - paragraph 1, line 2 ..as long as
Response:
“So long as “ was changed to “as long as”.

line 4 change patients to participants
Response:
“Participants” was inserted instead of “patients”.

line 7 - conseqiently more resulting in a greater ROM ...
Response:
The sentence is changed to read: “Given that patients suffering from chronic low back pain usually have spasm [55], using continuous US could have been effective in decreasing spasm [10] and consequently resulting in greater ROM increase in comparison with placebo US.”

paragraph 4 - add 59 when Sung is referenced

Response:
Reference was added.

P17 paragraph 2 - line 2 - significantly greater increase

Response:
Change was made accordingly.

one of the main reasons for

Response:
Change was made accordingly.

last sentence US has improved

Response:
“have” was changed to “has”.

Conclusion paragraph 1 change to NSCLBP for consistency

Response:
Change was made accordingly.