Author's response to reviews

Title: Uroflowmetry Nomogram in Iranian Children aged 7 to 14 years

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Esteemed members of the Biomed Central Editorial Team,

Enclosed please find the revised version of the manuscript “MS 1099472903373329: Uroflowmetry Nomogram in Iranian Children aged 7 to 14 years” that we are resubmitting to BMC Urology for consideration as an “Original article”. In this version, we have considered the comments of the esteemed reviewer of the journal as best we could.

After a thorough discussion, I should like to attract your kind attention to the following points:

1. We have changed the title and put an “Iranian” word on heading title.
2. We have reworded the methods and results section of the abstract.
3. In the Methods, we have reworded the 4th paragraph adding details of the study design regarding the exclusion of the uroflowmetry studies with staccato or interrupted patterns, which we'd forgotten to mention.
4. In the Discussion, the 5th paragraph regarding the bladder overdistention theory has been omitted according to the comment of Dr. Bower.
5. On page 6, “Gutierrez Segura's report …” Have been added and its reference has been added to the reference list (no. 19).
6. On page 7 where the esteemed reviewer requires that we explain why our voided volumes are lower than other reports, we have done all our best to do so; We have omitted “This maybe due to a habitual use of natural drinks …” and added “This may be explained to some extent by the fact that because of religious considerations…”. As you kindly see in this version, we have tried to explain the observed lower voiding volumes in Iranian subjects as best as we could.
7. We have also added the word “In Iran” to the nomogram legends according to the comment of the esteemed reviewer.
8. The sentence “according to uroflowmetry parameters of healthy children who voided 100ml or more” has been added to the legend of table 1 and the 2nd column has been removed.
9. We also have removed the shadings of the table formats and redesigned them.
As you kindly see, we have addressed all the comments of the esteemed reviewers as best we could. You will see some changes in the affiliation of Dr. Ahmadi Yazdi and Dr. Rouhi in the title page.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and timely re-review of this manuscript.

Sincerely Yours,

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