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Title: Beta Cell Response To A Mixed Meal In Nigerian Patients With Type 2 Diabetes

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Dear Sir/Madam,

COVER LETTER

Thanks for the review of my manuscript. We have made the following changes as suggested:

1. In the section; ‘PATIENTS AND METHODS’ under inclusion criteria; The classification of patients as type2 diabetes has been further elucidated, features of ‘metabolic decompensation’ have been clarified in no.2. For the exclusion criteria, the classification of patients as having type1 diabetes has been clarified.

2. In the same section, the measurement of height has been further described as “without shoes or stockings on’.

3. In the same section the mixed meal has been described in paragraph 4; “The mixed meal was made up of 53% carbohydrate, 17% of protein and 30% of lipids. It consisted of a sandwich made with whole wheat bread, fried tomatoes, lettuce and onions and a cup of tea to which had been added 1% fat milk. The meal was formulated by the hospital dietician”.

4. The Section on Results: A new paragraph was added to show comparisons of fasting C peptide and beta cell responsiveness between patients with good glycaemic control and those with poor control.

5. A new Table 3 added to illustrate the above result.

6. The section on Discussion completely revised and rewritten as suggested by one of the reviewers especially paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

7. Fig 1 has been deleted.

8. The following sections have been added; Competing Interests, Acknowledgements, authors contributions and sources of funding.

Thanks.

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