Author's response to reviews

Title: Salivary cortisol differs with age and sex and shows inverse associations with waist-hip ratio in Swedish women: a cross-sectional study

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Dear editor,

Thank you for the pending acceptance of our manuscript “Salivary cortisol differs with age and sex and shows inverse associations with WHR in Swedish women: a cross sectional study”. The paper has now been revised according to your instructions and we have addressed all comments in due order below.

Upon submission of the revised abstract the sign “Δ” in "Δ-cortisol" got replaced by” (increment)” by the system. We hope that this is something you can amend at your end.

Sincerely,

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References:
Reference 25 has now been corrected.

Tables:
We have decided to also include Tables 3-5 in the published manuscript and they can now be found in the main manuscript file. We have accordingly changed the citing of those tables in the result section.

We have amended all tables using the Tables tool suggested.

In table 1 we have changed the heading “missing values” to the abbreviation “m.v.”, which is spelled out in the table legends underneath the table. In table 1 we have also deleted the header “table 1 continuing” as instructed.

In Table 3 and 4 we now use a footnote “ãn” for the variables included in the second multivariate model instead of listing them all inside the tables.

List of authors and e-mails:
The names and e-mail addresses of the authors are now listed according to instructions.

**Figure cropping:**
We have now amended the figures according to the guidelines.

**Typographical errors:**
Three purely typographical errors have also been corrected in the manuscript.