Author's response to reviews

Title: Social Determinants of Health and Periodontal Disease in Brazilian Adults: a cross sectional study

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Mr. Editor,

We are sending Response Letter to the reviewers of the article entitled “Social Determinants of Health and Periodontal Disease in Brazilian Adults

Anticipate that all suggestions were accepted.

Sincerely,

Maria de Lourdes Carvalho Bonfim

Revisor 1

Kerstin Ohrn

We appreciate your considerations about our paper. Then we clarifications point by point:

1- In the second last piece in the Backround there is an abbreviation PD without any previous explanation and the sentence in which it occurs is not understandable...determining prevalence of PD in the population and identifying associated factors may increase the to implement public health interventions that will contribute to a reduction in poor dental health. This need to be rewritten.

   Suggestions accepted: was rewritten

   Answer:
   Backround: page 4, paragraph 3(line 3)
   Determining prevalence: page 2, paragraph 1(line 4)

2- In the fourth part of methods 6th line it is written ..design effect deff (which I assume is an abbreviation) because on the next line it is written desing effect (deff) the last part need to be moved to the first time the abbreviation occurs.

   Answer: page 5, paragraph 5(line 7)

3- There is an inconsistency in the discussion. In part 7 you write that ...women, who are usually more carful with respect to health.... later on in part 12 you write that ...factors that may have negative effects on health: female sex .... and thirdly in part 14 you write ...indicate that women have better oral hygiene than men and visit the dentist more often....you need to decide whether women have better health or not or if there is an inconsistenscy you need to discuss that.

   Discussion rewritten
   Answer: page 11, paragraph 3(line 6)
   page 13, paragraph 2(line 3)
   page 13, paragraph 2(line 8)
   page 14, paragraph 2(line 7)
4 There is no information what the author Flavio Ferreira Mattos has contributed with.

Answer: page 16, paragraph 4 (line)