Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor-in- Chief,
I am glad to submit my responses to the reviewers’ comments on my submitted manuscript:
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The puzzle of self-reported weight gain in a month of fasting (Ramadan) among a cohort of Saudi families in Jeddah, Western Saudi Arabia.
This was submitted earlier to Nutrition Journal
First of all I would like to thank all reviewers for their valuable and encouraging comments. All comments were taken in consideration and been addressed and underlined in the revised manuscript as appropriate. The following are my responses and comments to Laid Boukraa regarding the requested minor revisions:
- Numbering of pages and lines were not requested in the “Instructions for Authors”.
- The study was conducted in Ramadan of 2008 (Methods section, Para 2).
- Inclusion /Exclusion criteria was already addressed in Methods section, Para 3.
- Another figure for dietary habits and weight gain may be cumbersome, of little benefit and already we have 5 figures.
- Weight gain is usually observed towards the last week of month, varies according to level of dehydration and therefore daily weight was not taken.
- The date of access was added to Ref. 1, 16.
- References were reviewed and uniformed.
- The percentages in Fig. 2 are correct as some respondents gave more than one reason.
- Few figures were corrected in tables 3 and 4 and corrections were underlined in the results section, Para 7.
- With all respect to reviewer, the repeated data in tables and figures are scanty and was meant for clarity of tables.
- The whole paper was reviewed by an expert bio-statistician (Dr Adel Ibrahim) as requested by the reviewer.
- The spelling mistake of word “sweets” was corrected in figures 4 & 5.

All the manuscript was again revised to meet the Editor and reviewers comments and re-submitted again with the revised tables and figures.

With my kindest regards,

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