Author's response to reviews

Title: Development of a semi-quantitative food frequency questionnaire for use in United Arab Emirates and Kuwait based on local foods

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Dear Deputy Editor

Dr. Hiromichi Kumagai

Thank you very much for reviewing the above manuscript. We have revised the manuscript based on the reviewer's comments. Two FFQs are enclosed in Appendix I and II and the references are in the BioMed Central format.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

1. Remove descriptions about the studies not yet finished.

(1) P3, line 20. "and will be validated in the subsequent year." Removed

(2) P5, line 22. "and its subsequent pilot testing." Removed

(3) P6, lines 4-5. "We are ............SFFQ." Removed

(4) P9, lines 10-15. "Over the next ............over the next year." Removed

(5) P13, lines 3-5. "that we are.......for validation." Removed

2. P7, lines 4-8. Seven food categories should be clearly written by numbering. Done

P10, line 13. There are only five food groups in Table 5 and 6. Two more categories are added

3. P8, line 12. What is SFFQ1? Done

4. P9, lines 1-2. The new nutrient database for local foods (Table 7) should be shown in the Results section. Isn't it a new finding of this study? Moved into the result section
5. P10, line 23. Two new SFFQ formats, the main body of this study, should be appeared in the Results section. Please indicate the location or address of files containing SFFQ formats here. They are in Appendix I and II now.

6. P4, line 2. "d" is better than "day". Done

7. P5, line 12. Remove ")". Removed

8. Title - Please remove all unnecessary capitalisation from the title, both in the manuscript file and the submission system. Done

9. Qualifications - Please remove the authors' qualifications (e.g. PhD /MD) from the title page. Removed

10. References - Please fit to the journal's style. References are In Bio Med style now