Author's response to reviews

Title: A survey of energy drink consumption patterns among college students

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The following are the point-by-point responses to the reviewer comments regarding the revised version of the manuscript entitled “a survey of energy drinks consumption patterns among college students.”

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Reviewer: Zumin Shi

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Time period is reported (in average month for current semester), see Results ¶1 and titles for Tables.
2. We apologize for this oversight in the original manuscript. There were a total of 496 students surveyed, 51% of participants (496 * .51) were energy drink users. This correction has been made throughout the manuscript. Specifically, see Results ¶1.
3. Thank you for this thoughtful suggestion. We have combined the frequency data into Table 2 (from Tables 2 and 3 of original manuscript, as you suggested in Minor Essential Revisions) and have provided analysis of side effects by maximum energy drink intake (Table 4).
4. The demographic information for students from this university are provided in Methods ¶7. The demographic information that we collected on participants in the study are reported in Results ¶1. We discussed the limited demographic information that we collected on participants as a limitation of the study (see Discussion ¶5).
5. Sex differences are reported in the Results ¶1, ¶2, and ¶5. The primary findings regarding sex differences are summarized and discussed in Discussion ¶4.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Abstract: This change has been made.
2. Tables 2 and 3 have been merged into Table 2.

Reviewer: Delia Smith West
1. Please see Major Compulsory Revisions number 2 above.
2. Limitations to the assessment measures, specifically potential overlapping events are discussed as a study limitation in the Discussion ¶5. There are no 0 categories because those who did not indicate energy drink consumption for a particular situation were not included in the analysis, see Table 2. For example, the n in the table by insufficient sleep represents from the total of energy drink users (253) the number who consume energy drinks for insufficient sleep (169 or 67% of the total energy drink users).
3. Please see Major Compulsory Revisions number 4 above.
4. The discussion section has been tempered, as you suggested. Study limitations are reported in the Discussion ¶5.
5. The introduction section has been tempered, as you suggested.
6. The abstract has been modified, as you suggested.