Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

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I write to submit our revised manuscript for your consideration and publication. Below are the revisions of the follow up on the reviewers’ and editor’s comments and suggestion. We are sure that the manuscript has improved and look forward to your acceptance for publications.

Yours faithfully,

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1. Length of introduction section.

**Response:** we have deleted the first paragraph of the manuscript to reduce the length of the introduction

2. Explanation for combining ‘don’t know’ and ‘no’

**Response:** We do agree with the reviewer that “No” and “don’t know” are not necessarily the same. Indeed, there are two schools of thought on this issue. One school of thought argues that the responses “No” and “don’t know” do not mean the same and should therefore be analysed separately (e.g. Waters E A., Hay JL., Orom H, Kiviniemi MT., and Drake BF, 2013) while others are of the view that don’t’ know responses are similar to “No” and therefore should be analysed together (Gravningen K, Furberg AS, Simonsen, GS and Wilsgaard, T, 2012; Groothuis P and Whitehead J, 2002). For the purpose of paper we have subscribed to the second school of thought as there were fewer cases for the ‘don’t know’ category. This is consistent with a recent literature on sexual behaviour [Gravningen et. al., 2012]. We have discussed this in the methods for clarity (p7).

Reference:


3. We have re-organised the discussion section by stating the summary of the results in the first paragraph as suggested.

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