Author's response to reviews

Title: Standard abdominal wound edge protection with surgical dressings vs. coverage with a sterile circular polyethylene drape for prevention of surgical site infections. A patient and observer-blinded randomized controlled trial - BaFO

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Dear Madame/Sir,

Please find below a detailed list of changes made to the protocol to address all of the reviewer’s comments.

Sincerely,

Andre Mihaljevic

1. 1. P(age) 3, p(aragraph) 1, l(ine)s 7, 8 and 9. The short forms [RKI], [NRZ] and [KISS] have not been included on P 17 and should be.

Answer: The abbreviations were included


Answer: Done

3. P 9, p 1, l 1. Replace [be] by [by].

Answer: Done

4. P 10, p 1, l 9. Replace [incidence] by [rate]. Also P 11, p 1, l 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8; 5 times.

Answer: Done

5. P 10, p 1, l 21. What does the subscript [[TS1]] represent? It is not defined on P 17.
Answer: Unfortunately, we cannot find the subscript \([TS1]\); neither in the mentioned paragraph nor in the remainder of the document.

6. P 10, p 1, l 22. Replace [less] by [fewer]. Use fewer for counts and less for amounts.
Answer: Done

7. P 10, p 2, l 7. Provide a R(eference) for the imputation strategies you plan to use.
Answer: Reference was added

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9. P 15, p 1, l 8. Rewrite as […] surgery (35); a result …].
Answer: Done

Answer: Done

11. P 15, p 2, l 16. Rewrite as […] trial should help to improve surgical treatment of patients.]
Answer: Done

12. P 17. Many short forms are missing: ANCOVA, KISS, KKS, NNIS, NRZ, RKI were detected.
Answer: The missing short forms were added.

13. P 18, p 1, l 4. Rewrite as [90 x 90 cm]. Insert spaces.
Answer: Done

14. P 24 ff. Many of the journal titles still contain [.] after the short forms. Delete them for R 1, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 24, 28, 30, 36, 38 (which was mentioned in the last review and in the reply was claimed to be made), 45, 48 & 50.
Answer: We beg to excuse this mistake. Due to the automatic reference system we used, the references were constantly updated in our version of the document and the [.] reinserted into the text. We have turned the reference manager off and corrected the mistakes.

15. P 24, R 5, l 3. Insert [(German)] at the end of the line if that is the appropriate language.
Answer: Done

16. P 25, R 21, l 4. Delete one [:].
Answer: Done