Author's response to reviews

Title: Spanish validation of Bad Sobernheim Stress Questionnaire (BSSQ (brace).es) for adolescents with braces

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Dear Editors,

Enclosed is our revised manuscript. Below you will find the answers to the reviewers’ comments one by one. All of the listed authors have read the revisions and agree with their conclusions. Additionally, I would like to apologize for the time it took us to revise the manuscript.

Sincerely,

Elisabetta D’Agata

Detailed list of manuscript revisions:
Response to specific comments raised by Reviewer 1 (Tomasz Kotwicki) on 6th March, 2010:
Thank you!

Response to specific comments raised by Reviewer 2 (Stefano Negrini) on 3rd March, 2010:
We have split the “Results and Discussion” sections into two separated ones as you asked.

Response to specific comments raised by Reviewer 3 (Juan Bago) on 8th March, 2010:

1. Introduction.
   - We have clarified the first paragraph (now it is the second) as it was dense, introducing spatial breaks among the three different definitions of
psychological “stress” and the different concepts treated: “stress and HRQOL”, “stress in AIS”, “protective factors against stress”, “the specific questionnaires”. We have also eliminated the list citation of all the coping strategies, maintaining the ones treated in the article.

- As BSSQ (brace).es measures stress in adolescents wearing braces, the main concept of our introduction has been “stress”, through a short historical roundup of its definitions and related concepts. At the beginning, we have introduced the relation between stress and disease, and between stress and Quality of Life.

- We have modified the style of citation according to the recommendations of the Journal.

2. Results and Discussion. We have split the section “Results and Discussion” into two.

3. Results. We have added information about floor and ceiling effect and its meaning as you kindly suggested. In Discussions we have made the hypothesis that the absence of floor and ceiling effects could be related to the sample size and we have introduced a comment about item n.7.