Author’s response to reviews

Title: Assessment of nutritional status in the maintenance of haemodialysis patients: a cross-sectional study from Palestine

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Dear editor

Editor-in-Chief

Hope this finds you well

Re: Revised Manuscript Submission (Manuscript ID: BNEP-D-18-00210R1))

We would like to thank you and all the reviewers for your time and insightful and qualified comments after reviewing our manuscript titled “Assessment of nutritional status in the maintenance of haemodialysis patients: a cross-sectional study from Palestine”.

We really appreciate the nice comments given by the reviewers in the first and second round to our paper and are especially grateful for so many really useful and detailed suggestions that helped to improve the manuscript. We have addressed all the comments in the manuscript highlighting changes in yellow to make them visible as explained below.
Our responses to the comments are yellow– highlighted in the revised manuscript. We carefully addressed all the comments of the reviewers. A point by point reply to the comments is given below. We hope that we appropriately addressed all comments.

We look forward to your and the reviewers’ comments on the manuscript and hope that the manuscript is given favorable consideration for publication in BMC Nephrology

Yours sincerely

Sa’ed Zyoud

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Reviewer reports:

Tibor Fulop, M.D., Ph.D. (Reviewer 1): The manuscript is much improved and basically acceptable.

A few other potential thoughts: you may consider, if space/word limits allows, to insert OR from logistic regression into the Abstract (not just the p values)

Reply: Thanks, this suggestion was accepted and was included in abstract

-you may consider deleting the sentence "There are more than 350,000 dialysis patients in the United States [5]." -- this study is not about US it is about a Near East dialysis population.

Reply: This suggestion was also accepted and we deleted this sentence as suggested.
Len Arden Usvyat, PhD (Reviewer 2): The authors address most comments appropriately but I noticed a few responses were left unanswered (for example comment #4 and #7). I'd like to ask the authors to clearly answer each question and give references where it was addressed in the manuscript.

#4: The sample size calculation sounds unclear - not really sure why it is done

Reply: Thank you for this suggestion. We modified it in method (Page 5 Line 8).

#7: page 9 - B coefficients are unclear

Reply: Thank you for this suggestion. We clarified it in table 3 (yellow– highlighted).