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Title: Association of physical activity with blood pressure and blood glucose among Malaysian adults: a population-based study

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COVER LETTER

To the Editors of *BMC Public Health*:

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript with a revised title, “Association of physical activity with blood pressure and blood glucose among Malaysian adults: a population-based study” by Teh et al. which had been reviewed by two accredited reviewers of *BMC Public Health*.

This revised manuscript was edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by highly qualified native English speaking editors at American Journal Experts (Certificate Verification Key: DE93-DEC1-78FB-11AA-EBD0).

Attached herewith a detailed point-by-point response to reviewers’ comments and all changes made were clearly indicated in the table (Table A).

On behalf of all the authors, I declare that we have no competing interests and the enclosed manuscript in its present form is solely our original work and has not been published elsewhere, either as a whole or in part; and it will not be submitted to another journal unless it has been officially rejected or withdrawn from consideration by BMC *Public Health*.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Your sincerely,

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TABLE A: DETAILED RESPONSES TO THE REVIEWERS’ COMMENT

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<td>1</td>
<td>The abstract would be more informative with actual values in results</td>
<td>Some of the actual values had been included as per R1’s comment.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>I am not clear what a “gazetted area” means so this could be clarified</td>
<td>The meaning of “gazette area” had been explained (page 8, line 166-167).</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>The results section is still quite short, and for example does not discuss the blood glucose results</td>
<td>Extended discussion on blood glucose level and physical activity (page 14-15, line 302-308).</td>
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<td>The claim that there may be a positive relationship between PA and SBP because men do more PA is rather unconvincing – especially as you have controlled for sex in the analyses</td>
<td>Discussion on the positive relationship between PA and mean SBP because men do more physical activity had been removed as per R1’s comment. The corresponding Table 4 had been removed too.</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>In the conclusion there is use of ‘physical activity’ instead of the abbreviation ‘PA’</td>
<td>The abbreviated “PA” had been converted to ‘physical activity’ as per R2’s comment.</td>
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