Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) and distress: - a cross-sectional nationwide survey in men with prostate cancer in Sweden

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Dear Editor!

Thank you for your positive response, review and valuable suggestions of or manuscript “Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) and distress: - a cross-sectional nationwide survey in men with prostate cancer in Sweden” (BURO-D-19-00038) and for considering it for publication in BMC Urology. We hereby submit a revised version of the manuscript where the editor comments have been taken into consideration. Below you find our responses to the comments one by one.

Looking forward to hearing from you again.

Yours sincerely

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Editor Comments:

1. In the Ethics approval and consent to participate subsection of the Declarations please provide details on consent from participants. Please clarify whether consent was provided in written or verbal form. If consent was provided verbally, please provide justification for this method along with a declaration as to whether your ethics committee approved this method of obtaining consent.
Reply: A clarification of the procedure of consent have been added in the manuscript on Page 7, line 10-12.

2. In your Funding section, please also state the role of the funding body in the design of the study; collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; and in writing the manuscript.

Reply: A Clarification of the role of the funding have been added in the manuscript on Page 7 line 24-27.

3. Submission of a manuscript to a BioMed Central journal implies that materials described in the manuscript, including all relevant raw data, will be freely available to any scientist wishing to use them for non-commercial purposes, without breaching participant confidentiality. Thus, we request that you upload English language versions of all questionnaires developed specifically for use in this study as supplementary files. If the questionnaires are not yours or are already published by you, please supply references and/or links to them.

Reply: Unfortunately, the complete questionnaires developed for this study are not translated into English. However, the questions used in this study are described in English in the data collection section on page 2, line 29-35, in the manuscript. Some questions in the questionnaire are however taken from a validated questionnaire developed by Fransson, Tavelin and Widmark and references to previous published studies using that questionnaire is presented in the text in the manuscript (p. 2, line 28). Regarding data availability the text in the manuscript is changed, page 7, line 16-17. The data that support the findings from this study will not be available for data sharing due to the information given to the participants and the approval from the Ethics Committee.

4. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files

Reply: Thank you, a single clean file is provided.