Author’s response to reviews

Title: Polycystic ovary syndrome is a risk factor for sarcopenic obesity: A case control study

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The editor commented:

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

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This overlap exists throughout

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Response:

We have re-worded a number of sentences in the abstract and introduction. We ran our manuscript through our own plagiarism software and most of the overlap with the three sources cited occur in the methods and reference section. This is not surprising given that the three
sources are our own publications on the same population of women. One of these publications was a "methods" paper; therefore it is very difficult not to duplicate methods, since many of them are essentially exactly the same methods. Another of the publications is a conference abstract that presents the same study as in the submitted manuscript. Again, it is difficult not to replicate aspects of this abstract given that it is the identical study as presented in the manuscript. As mentioned above, we have altered sentences in the abstract and introduction to minimise overlap with our previously published studies.