Author's response to reviews

Title: Normative prosthodontic care need: does it impact the daily life of young Saudis with high level of oral diseases? a cross sectional study

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We thank the Editor and Reviewers for their feedback and comments to improve our manuscript. For their new comments, we are providing below our point by point responses:

Editor Comments

Throughout the text, including title, change ‘prosthetic’ to ‘prosthodontic’ or ‘dental prosthetic’

• Our response: we modified as required. Using “Replace” in MS Word, there were 79 such changes.

Abstract

line 20; delete ‘on comparison…’ to the end of the sentence

• Our response: we deleted this part.

line 27 change ‘controlled’ to ‘include’, lines 33 and 34 delete ‘controlled’

• Our response: modified as indicated.

Throughout the text change ‘teeth loss’ to ‘tooth loss’

• Our response: we changed the term; and made 10 such changes.

Introduction: line 83, revise ‘prosthetic care normative needs’ to ‘normative need for prosthodontic care’

• Our response: we revised the phrase as indicated.
Methods: line 103-105: not clear why sample size in this analysis is based on a study of dental caries? If there is no previous study or pilot on needs for prosthodontics perhaps you can calculate post-hoc power.

• Our response: we modified the sample size estimation statement using the values in reference #14 (previously 24) and modified this part and renumbered the references.

Methods: line 116: change ‘to # 1 in the definition’ to ‘definition number 1’ or ‘the first definition’

• Our response: we changed this part as suggested.

Discussion: line 289 change ‘after controlling the confounders’ to ‘after controlling for confounders’

• Our response: we modified that part as indicated.

Please proof read the whole document for typos and errors

• Our response: we revised the whole document and corrected the errors.