Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence of sleep-disordered breathing and association with orofacial symptoms among Saudi primary school children

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Dr Liam Messin
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Dear Dr Messin,

We here resubmit our paper entitled “Prevalence of sleep-disordered breathing and associations with orofacial symptoms among Saudi primary school children” after a second review and point-by-point amendments made in response to comments from the editor and reviewers.

We hope that now we have revised our paper for the second time that it will be acceptable for publication in BMC Oral Health. All documents regarding English editing and informed consent are attached. We look forward to receiving a favorable response.

We appreciate your consideration and understanding,

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Editor Comments:

Comment

1. Under the 'Ethics Approval and Consent to participate' declaration please state whether patients, or patient-care gives (in instances of children under the age of 16), provided written informed consent to take place in this study. If written informed consent was not obtained please explain why and whether or not the ethics committee approved the lack of written informed consent.

Response:

We have added a sentence confirming that all parents were asked to sign a consent form that had been approved by the Ethics Committee before responding to the questionnaire.

English and Arabic versions of the informed consent form are attached.

Comment

2. Under the 'Authors' contribution' declaration please write this declaration as prose and do not include a table.

Response:

We have removed the table as requested.

Comment

3. In agreement with the reviewer please have the manuscript revised by a native-English speaker or someone of similar proficiency.

Response:

The article, including the newly added and rephrased material, has been edited by a native English speaker from Edanz.
Reviewer report:

Comment

Please correct "adenitis" throughout the manuscript and tables to "adenoiditis".

Response:

We have substituted the required term throughout the manuscript.

Comment

Please revise the conclusion section: at its current format, it includes discussion points and is not based on your results.

Response:

We have revised the conclusions in accordance with this request.

Comment

Please further specify the method of school randomization.

Response:

We have added a more detailed description of the method of school randomization.

Comment

The paper still needs to be revised for English and grammar.

Response:

The article, including the newly added and rephrased material, has been edited by a native English-speaker from Edanz.

Comment

"TMJ pain on waking up" showed the highest odds among the studied variables, yet was superficially addressed in the discussion section.

Response:
We have discussed TMJ pain on waking as extensively as possible in the light of available published studies.

Most such studies support a relationship between OSA and TMD. TMD is a collective term that compromises a number of clinical problems involving the masticatory muscles, TMJ, and associated structures. TMJ pain on waking is one symptom of TMD, which could be a risk factor for SDB. A possible cause of this type of pain might be bruxism (grinding of the teeth), which we have discussed.