Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors influencing incidents of complications while using Nickel-Titanium rotary instruments for root canal treatment; a questionnaire study

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A point-by-point response letter

The author would like to thank the Editorial Office agents, the Reviewers, Associate Editors and the Editor-in-Chief for the efforts they have made in dealing with this manuscript. However, is deeply concerned about the time required in dealing with manuscript which almost one year from its first submitted date.

The following are the author response to reviewer comments and suggestion. Thanks to him.

1- "To what extent could the improvements in NiTi-RIs have minimized complications during root canal cleaning and shaping?": Pease paraphrase it to a question that is answered by your findings as you mentioned in the response

Author response: Done

2- Table 1
In the last column, write the total numbers without brackets and write the percentages inside round brackets!
What do the numbers inside the square brackets mean!!!!!!
Remove the last row (Total)

Author response: Done for the regarding the last column
As it is stated clearly in the Table’s legend; that the main variables (experience of complications and experience of instruments fracture) are calculated as percentage which was inserted between parentheses (%). On the other hand, the value between brackets AS STATED in the table footnote (below) are the percentage of participants who were using NiTi rotary instruments
Unfortunately, the last row cannot be removed because it shows the total percentages of those who experienced complications and NiTi fractured files. However, the table has been revised and now it can read better.

3- Table 2
It is not clear why you used round and square brackets in the tables’ footnotes!!!! You need to clarify them. What do you mean by the numbers in the square brackets?
In the last row, correct the number 105100.
Authors response:
Done.
The values between square brackets are the same as in Table 1 and indicate the percentage of participants who were using NiTi files as it is stated in this table footnote. However, they and the footnote were removed because they already mentioned in Table 1 and to make the table clearer and to avoid repetition.

4- "Reviewer comment: In Tables 1 and 2, you use round brackets () and box brackets []. What is the difference?"
The author response: as it is stated clearly below the two tables, the values in brackets are percentages of respondents who were use NiTi-RIs which is different from the other values that represent the variables being tested."
You have 2 different brackets. What is the difference?
Author response:
The difference is explained, and the confusion was because in the author’s previous response (previous revision) the author used the terminology brackets and forgot to use the terminology parenthesis. However, the author current response to reviewer comment No1 and 2 clarify the meaning completely and I hope it is very clear now.

5- Table 6
What is the number 52.5?? please edit it.
Replace "(0)" with "0 (0)"

Author response:
Done for replacing "(0)" with "0 (0)"
52.5 is the percentage, but the frequency value was missing. The frequency has been added and this cell can be read now correctly.

6- DISCUSSION 1st paragraph, Line 24
I think you need to remove "The author response" and rewrite.
Author response:
Done: Yes, it has been removed. It was by mistake