Author’s response to reviews

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Response to the reviewer and editor comments in respect of our manuscript coded PCAR-D-19-00163R2

1. Consent

Response: The comment in this regard has been appropriately included in the revised manuscript. Verbal informed consent was used in our study in accordance with the approved protocol by our institution ethics review committee. Verbal informed consent from the patients was approved as appropriate for our study, considering the fact that it is strictly a questionnaire-based survey with the questions item carefully designed to without any form of infringement on patients privacy, additionally the questionnaire was translated into the local language of the patients for proper comprehension of item statement. See page 17/18, lines 382-389 of the revised manuscript for the inclusion.

2. Abbreviations

Response: As rightly requested, the section on list of abbreviations has been appropriately included in the revised manuscript. See page 17, lines 375-378 for the inclusion.

3. Cite

Response: The comments in this regard has been appropriately included in different sections of the revised manuscript. See the revised manuscript, data collection section under method, page 6, line 137, also the results section, page 8, line 183, page 9, line 199, line 203, page 10, line 207, line 213, line 218, line 223, and line 227 for the inclusions.
4. Formatting

Response: The comments in respect to formatting have been appropriately addressed in the revised manuscript.

The information on trial registration has been deleted. See under abstract section, line 52/53 for the deleted statement.

Also the attached ethics document, total waiver document as well as cover and submission statement have been deleted accordingly in online submission of the revised manuscript. See the online submission for the revised version of the manuscript. Also line 541/542 for some deletion.

5. Clean manuscript

Response: Only the clean copy of the revised manuscript and figure are submitted at this time. See the entire revised submission documents. Figure and additional file were uploaded and they have been duly cited in the appropriate sections of the revised manuscript.

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