Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors Associated with Quality of Life of Postmenopausal Women Living in Iran

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Dear Assistant Editor

We sincerely appreciate your attention and efforts on our manuscript entitled: “Factors Associated with Quality of Life of Postmenopausal Women Living in Iran”. We have provided a revised version based on these comments, along with a response (R) to the comments and hope that the responses meet your expectations.

Assistant Editor Comments:

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R- This point was requested in the previous revisions. In response to these recommendations, we wrote that this article and the one you mentioned are both derived from an extensive study related to a PhD thesis entitled "A Study on sexual function of menopausal women to design of intervention and to evaluate its effect on sexual function". In this thesis, different questionnaires have been completed and various aspects of postmenopausal women have been studied. Accordingly, in the previous revisions, we have rechecked our manuscript to explore possible similarities and make the possible revisions, the method section was
summarized and cited to the previous published study and the 'Strengths and Limitations' subsection was revised. However, the Method section and Result section was revised again and changes were made to the text. In the discussion section, the only similar topic in the two articles was the 'Strengths and Limitations' subsection, which was also revised.

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R- The 'running title' was removed.

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R- The heading 'Declarations’ was added.

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R- The correction was made.

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R- Necessary action was taken.

Best regards.