Author’s response to reviews

Title: Social support attenuates the link between torture exposure and post-traumatic stress disorder among male and female Syrian refugees in Sweden

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Dear editor of BMC International Health and Human Rights,

Thank you for accepting our manuscript “Social support attenuates the link between torture exposure and post-traumatic stress disorder among male and female Syrian refugees in Sweden” (IHHR-D-18-00166) for publication.

We have revised the manuscript according to your comments and have uploaded a clean version of the manuscript. We have, point by point responded to your comments below.

All co-authors have read and approved the revised version of the manuscript.

Sincerely,

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Editor Comments:

1. Abbreviations

Please provide a list of all the abbreviations used in the manuscript. This list should be placed just before the Declarations section. All abbreviations should still be defined in the text at first use.

Our response: A list of abbreviations has been added as recommended.

2. Consent to participate

We note that you have stated in the Ethics approval and consent to participate statement of the Declarations that, ‘Consent to participate was implied by the completion and return of the questionnaire.’ In this section, please clarify whether the implied consent to participate was approved by the institutional review board.

Our response: We have now clarified that the review board also approved the implied consent to participate.

3. Missing author MV

We note that the contributions of author MV are missing from the Authors’ contributions statement of the Declarations. The individual contributions of ALL authors to the manuscript should be specified in this section. Guidance and criteria for authorship can be found in the online journal submission guidelines.

Our response: Thank you for pointing this out. The authors contributions section has been specified in more detail and includes MV.

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Our response: Thank you very much for this. We have now uploaded the manuscript as a single, final, clean version.