Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effect of Female genital cutting/mutilation; Types I and II on sexual function: case-controlled study

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Editors' comments (if any):

1. In this journal we use the term:
   female genital mutilation/cutting FGM/C, please change throughout: Done

2. In the abstract, the conclusions have to arise from the findings and cannot introduce new terms "sunna circumcision" was nowhere in the preceding lines of the abstract.

   Done

3. Further, the last sentence should be reworded You say:

   "Moreover, we have demonstrated scientifically that both type I and type II of FGC/M are associated with sexual dysfunction and thus he use of the term “Sunna circumcision” to indicate mild form of type I FGC/M is nothing but deceit."

   You cannot say with the results of a small case control study that you have " demonstrated scientifically" nor indicate that "sunna circumcision" is deceit, rather please say
In THIS STUDY, FGM/C was associated with reduced scores of FSFI on all domains scores AND AMONG BOTH TYPES I AND II. BOTH TYPES WERE associated with sexual dysfunction.

Done

4. When referring to research already conducted including This Report, always use past tense,

Example: According to the 2014 Egypt Demographic and Health Survey (EDHS), and in spite of the total ban of this practice by the government, the prevalence of FGC/M in married women between the ages of 15 and 49 WAS 92% [3]. or: In Egyptian women, FGM/C WAS associated with reduced scores of FSFI on all domain scores.

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5. Some terminology is not helpful, You Say: The existing literature is conflicting regarding the sexual function in women with FGC/M [8-11]. Instead: The existing literature is unclear what the effects FGM/C have on sexual function and desire.

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6. Tables and figures need go in a separate file AFTER the manuscript, not set into the manuscript.

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7. While I agree with your statement that: The use of the term “Sunna circumcision” to indicate mild form of type I FGC/M is nothing but deceit used to misguide people [15]. on page 10, this is not a very scientific way of discussing the term and it's effect on people's understanding of FGM/C

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