Author’s response to reviews

Title: Characteristics of female sexual dysfunctions and obstetric complications related to female genital mutilation in Omdurman maternity hospital, Sudan

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1- Instead of a cross sectional we changed the type of the study to: "A prospective observational cohort study".

2- As recommended by the reviewer we separated the study objectives into primary objective being the association of FGM/C to sexual function and secondary objective "the association of FGM/C to post-partum complications". And we excluded the attitude of the participant towards FGM/C, which was discussed in the discussion and not highlighted as one of the study objectives.

3- We presented the results (in the abstract, summary and in the manuscript) based on the objectives.

4- For more clarification we replaced “Total coverage…” by All on line 1 of page 5.

5- We mentioned the details about the persons who were documenting the FGM/C, please see the method section.

6- We mentioned that the questions of the questionnaire were structured by the authors and we provided more information about how the questions developed. And we attached the questionnaire as well.

7- Page 5 line 44 we omitted the sentence "To prevent the effect of the confounding variables ….." and we explained how we recruited the subjects of the study.

8- The data was entered, checked and cleaned by a statistician, please see the data analysis.

9- On line 27 on page 6, yes this is “Student t test” and it was corrected.

10- We presented table 2 (which is now moved to table 3) with its variables.
In table 2 we explained how the analysis was conducted.

W included a table considering the socio-demographic characteristics as table 1 and we moved table 1 and 2 as 2 and 3. And what was previously labeled as table 3 was deleted.

We clarified the results presented in line 51-56, page 6 as recommended.

We explained how dependent variables were defined and types of analyses conducted in table 2 which is now become table 3, please see the methodology and the title of table 3 as well.

Women’s attitudes to subjecting daughters to FGM was not compared according to FGM typology, because we omitted this objective as the reviewer recommended.

On page 7, we matched the percentage directly with the outcome.

We corrected the heading of Table 1 (which is now become table 2) as recommended.

We made English editing for all the manuscript.

All these changes have been highlighted to be traced easily.

This work may still need some editorial touches; these are welcomed and will be highly appreciated.

Best Regards

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