Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effect Of Submucosal Application of Tramadol on Postoperative Pain After Third Molar Surgery

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Responses to Reviewer 1:

1 ) Materials and Methods:

- Our study was an initial study. We were very excited to share our results with the readers. We declared at the end of the manuscript that further studies on this topic with different study designs should be performed. We would be very happy to plan and perform a new study regarding reviewer’s suggestions.

- Sample calculation was managed by collecting data charts that were given to the patients. The sentence ‘Data charts were collected from patients at the end of the follow up period.’ was added to the manuscript.

- In order to obtain a standardisation, all of teeth included to study was mesio-angular and completely impacted. Related sentence was added to the manuscript.

- The route of the administration was clearly revealed and added to the text.

2) Results:

- We divided our results in to three main topics. All collected data was shown on two tables and one figure. Our goal was to keep the text simple for readers. For that reason we did not find suitable to add another chart showing the main results.

- Pain peak times were added to results section in the text.
Responses to Reviewer 2:

- The study design and flow was explained detailed at the materials and methods section for that reason authors did not add a flow chart to the ext in order to avoid duplication.

- The aim of the study was added to the introduction section as the last sentence.

- The sentence ‘A simple randomization technique was used to achieve randomization by using random number generator’ was added to the text.

- Both the doctor and the patients did not know which solution was used. The sentence was added to material and method section: ‘The 2 mL volume of solutions were prepared by an anaesthetic nurse and placed in sterile disposable syringes. Both the surgeon and the patients were blinded to the specific solution used. After extraction of the tooth, the surgeon applied the solution to the extraction socket and the bone surface by means of small drops. The surgeon and the patients were both blinded to the specific solution used.’

- p values were specified both in the text and tables.

- As the reviewer noticed that there are intense data collected at the tables for that reason authors did separate the vital signs of the patients and revealed in a figure.

- Authors could design the tables as the reviewers notification however they were considered to remain as they are in the text because of statistical reasons.

- Literature check managed more thoroughly and concerned studies added to discussion section.

- References arranged according to journal format.