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Re: AOPH-D-17-00116R1

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Dear Olivier and editorial team of AOPH,

My co-authors and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to publish our study protocol titled above in Archives of Public Health.

We have attended the final reviewers’ comment here in the response letter and made the necessary changes within the manuscript. We have no doubt that these final changes have made our manuscript of even higher quality worthy of publication in AOPH.

We have also scanned the entire manuscript for any other minor glitches.

Our responses to the individual comments are below (authors responses highlighted in yellow). any changes in the manuscript in reflection of these comments are highlighted in green in the updated and revised version.
We now look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind regards,

Fahad Hanna,

On behalf of the authors

Reviewer reports and authors response:

Reviewer #2: The authors should indicate which non-parametrical tests they will use in case of non-normal distribution of variables.

RESPONSE: This is a valid comment and a miss on our behalf and we thank the reviewer for raising it. In the case of non-normal distribution of variables, any two independent (unpaired) samples Student’s t test will be replaced by Mann-Whitney U test. However, in the case of Two dependent (paired) samples Student’s t test, Wilcoxon signed rank (paired samples) test will be used.