Author’s response to reviews

Title: Overweight and Obesity Prevalence among Public Servants in Nadowli district, Ghana, and associated risk factors: a cross-sectional study

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The Editor,
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Dear Editor,

Point-by-point Response to Reviewers’ Comments

Please, find below a point-by-point response to reviewers’ comments on a manuscript we submitted for consideration for publication in BMC Obesity. The manuscript is titled ‘Overweight and Obesity Prevalence among Public Servants in Nadowli district, Ghana, and associated risk factors: a cross-sectional study’.
In revising the manuscript, we have carefully considered and addressed all the concerns raised by the reviewers. We hope this point-by-point response will make it easier for you to identify the specific revisions we have made.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Margaret Atuahene,
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Point-by-point responses to the editorial comments

Comment 1: We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works. Please refer to the attached iThenticate document and re-phrase these sections in your own words to ensure no overlap.

Our response to comment 1: In the revised manuscript, we have re-phrased all sections that are similar to previously published work in your own words to ensure no overlap.

Comment 2. Please upload English language versions of all questionnaires developed specifically for use in this study as supplementary files. If the questionnaires are not yours or are already published by you, please supply references and/or links to them.

Our Response to comment 2: We have included the English language versions of all questionnaires developed specifically for use in this study as supplementary files.
Comment 3. Thank you for including an Availability of Data and Materials section within your Declarations. In this section, we would like details of where the raw data supporting your conclusions can be found. Please only state that all information is contained within the manuscript if all raw data is supplied.

A list of alternative statements (and further information) can be found at http://www.biomedcentral.com/getpublished/editorial-policies#availability+of+data+and+materials.

Our Response to comment 3: In the revised manuscript, we have included the statement that ‘All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article’.

Comment 4. Please clarify the type of consent obtained from the participants i.e. written or verbal.

Our response to comment 4: We have specified in the revised manuscript that it was written informed consent.

Comment 5. Please clarify whom BS refers to within the Authors' Contributions section. If this person is not an author, please remove their initials from this section and instead include them in the Acknowledgements. If this person should be listed as an author, please add them and fill in a change in authorship form:

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Our response to comment 5: We have realized that the inclusion of ‘BS’ within the Authors' Contributions section was an error. This is borne out by the fact that there is no additional author bearing the initials ‘BS’ on the title/author page. We have therefore revised the Authors’ Contribution section to eliminate this error.

Comment 6. On uploading your revisions, please remove any tracked changes or highlighting and include only a single clean copy of the manuscript.

Our response to comment 6: We have done this in the revised manuscript.