

Author's response to reviews

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To
Dr. Nehme Gabriel,
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Dear Dr. Gabriel,

We have gone through the reviewer's comments and are submitting a revised version of our manuscript of the original work done titled '**Dynamics of growth and weight transitions in a pediatric cohort from India**' to the Nutrition Journal. This is the second revision.

We are also attaching point-to point response for the issues raised by the reviewers.

Regards,

Dr. Manu Raj

Reviewer 1

1. Table 2. Before publication, please clarify. The data in the table are percent of children in each BMI percentile? If so, it cannot be, for instance, that among the boys aged 5 years 16.2 percent are in the 95th percentile of BMI.

Response: The previous table (Table 2) contained actual BMI values, not percentages. The table is replaced with a new table which contains mean BMI values according to socio-demographic subgroups.

Reviewer 2

1. Discretionary Revisions: I find Table 2 in its present form distracting. Giving the BMI at each of the percentiles doesn't give much information. Suggest revision either to delete the table or revise by providing mean BMI's by some meaningful groupings.

Response: The table is replaced with a new table which contains mean BMI values according to socio-demographic subgroups.

2. Also the data described in the narrative on the bottom of page 6/top of page 7 may be better summarized in a small table.

Response: We have summarized the text mentioned above into a small table (Table 3).