



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_27006
Title of the Manuscript:	ARE SNORERS AT RISK OF HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?
New Title :	IS OROPHARYNGEAL CROWDEDNESS A RISK FACTOR FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?
Type of Article:	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
1. The major concern is that although the present study clearly showed that there was no significant correlation between snoring and hypertension, the authors still tried to imply the correlation in the conclusion which stated "there is hypertension among apparently healthy adult snorers ..." Since "there is hypertension among apparently healthy adult non-snorers" is also true, it would be more straightforward to say "The present study showed no significant correlation between snoring and hypertension.." or "the current study showed no significant difference in the incidence of hypertension between snorers and non-snorers..." to be scientifically correct. 2. Also in conclusion, the statement "There is a need for health education to enlighten the populace that oropharyngeal crowdedness is risk factors for snoring and hypertension..." is not supported by the results of the present study. For instance, there was no data in the current study showing that oropharyngeal crowdedness is a risk factor for snoring. Since conclusion in a scientific article is supposed to essentially summarize the key findings of the study instead of emphasizing too much on speculations, the authors are suggested to delete or modify the description. 3. In the Results section, the sentence "191(46.8%) snore consisting 101(24.75%) habitual snorers and 90(22.06%) non-habitual snorers" seems paradoxical because there was no comparison between the two groups in the manuscript and there were no definitions given to the terms "habitual" and "non-habitual" regarding the frequency of snoring. 4. It is "Mallampati score" not "Mallampati" that is an index of oropharyngeal anatomical anomalies. 5. Careful revision of English usage is suggested.	no significant correlation between snoring and hypertension has been written in the conclusion The statement has been deleted The statement has been deleted It has been changed to Mallampati score The tenses has been changed/reconstructed