

Author's response to reviews

Title: Susceptibility to heat wave-related mortality: a follow-up study of a cohort of elderly in Rome

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Cover Letter

Dear Editor, we have revised our paper as requested to conform to the journal style.

1. We have removed the headings from the title page.
2. We have indicated the corresponding author with an asterisk as requested.
3. We have removed the words numbers and the page numbers as bolding and underlining.
4. The verb tense along the manuscript has been checked and where necessary changed.
5. In the abstract, the second sentence in the results section has been splitted into two sentences
6. On page 4 in the second sentence from the top "the" before population's has been inserted
7. We choose to write Roma, in Italian as often used.
8. All suggested corrections have been done.
9. We couldn't find a better word instead of "mechanism". We checked, and this word is used also in other papers. But if you have any suggestion, please let us know.
10. We added the adjective "statistical" to the word "power", to make the concept more clear.
11. All figures in the text have been expressed in words.
12. Abbreviations have been specified along the text, the first time the are used.
13. Tables have been formatted in the closed cell format

We hope we have addressed all the raised points and that the paper is now conform to the journal requirements.

Looking forward to hearing from you, we send you our best regards.

Patrizia Schifano