

Author's response to reviews

Title: "What do you know?"—Knowledge among village doctors of lead poisoning in children in rural China

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Respond letter

Dear Dr. Ina Santos:

On behalf of my co-authors, we are grateful to you for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript. We appreciate the time and effort you and the reviewers put forth to help us improve the work. We also appreciate the reviewers deeply for their positive, encouraging and constructive advices, help and comments on our manuscript entitled "'What do you know?'—Knowledge among village doctors of lead poisoning in children in rural China". (ID: PUBH-D-17-02484).

We have studied comments and suggestions you gave to us in the last email carefully and have made revision which marked in red in the manuscript. We have finished essential editorial revisions revision. All authors have read and approved the final revised version. Attached please find the revised version with red markers and clear version as well, which we would like to submit for your positive consideration. We would like to express our great appreciation to you and reviewers for comments and suggestions on our paper. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Response: Thank you for your suggestion, We have removed the response to reviewers from the file inventory.

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- Methods: how the study was performed and statistical tests used
- Results: the main findings
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Please revise the abstract in accordance with the journal's guidelines stated above.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have revise the abstract in accordance with the journal's requirement.(page 1,line 12-29)

3. Please rename the "Introduction" section to "Background" and the "Materials and methods" section to "Methods" in order for the manuscript format to meet the journal guidelines.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have renamed the introduction section to background as well as the materials and methods section to methods. (page 1,line 31)

4. Please include a list of abbreviations used in the manuscript before the Declarations section.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion,we have listed the names of abbreviations before declarations section. (page 10,line 346-353)

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Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have provided a brief introduction on this issue in the ethnic section. (page 10,line 355-365)

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Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have revised the section of availability of data and materials already. (page 10,line 368-374)

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Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have used initials already. (page 10,line 384-389)

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Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have submit our form to the editor already via email.

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Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have added a subtitle entitled "acknowledgements" (page 10,line 375-377)

10. In the Funding section, please indicate the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have indicated the role of the funding in this section. (page 10,line 380-383)

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