Author’s response to reviews

Title: Determinants for hospitalization among "low-risk" community aquired pneumonia.

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Response to reviewers' note

The comments of the reviewers are most appreciated. All comments were taken into consideration.
Please find below specific response to the comments of Dr. Siegal.

1. Relationship between African American race and socioeconomic factors. Please refer to page to 10 for explanation. In several parts of the paper, we maintain the fact that race may be an indirect measure of socioeconomic factor. We therefore agree with the reviewer's comment.
2. Numerical discrepancies corrected
3. Typographical error corrected
4. Request for fuller description of PSI> The full description of the PSI is not within the scope of the paper. References to prior extensive description of the index was provided in page 4 reference numbers 5 and 6
5. Grammatical suggestion accepted and acted upon
6. Patients above the age of fifty years. The comment suggested by the reviewer with regards excluding patients above fifty year of age was addressed on page 9. Generally these patients would be considered low risk group because of the lower probability of having major comorbid conditions.
7. References indicating tables added to the discussion
8. Key stating parenthesis values represent percentages was added.
9. P values complete