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Title: Comparison of primary care experiences among adults in general outpatient clinics and private general practice clinics in Hong Kong

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Dear Dr. Norton,

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Thank you for accepting our manuscript for publication in BMC Public Health. We have made further improvement for our manuscript regarding the format change request of the manuscript. The details of our response is attached point by point in the following page. We believe our findings will be of great interest to public health generally, and particularly to researchers interested in the primary healthcare services. As the premier international journal devoted to publish articles in the understanding of all aspects of public health, BMC Public Health represents the perfect platform for us to share these results with the international research community.

We confirm that the manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and agreed with submission to BMC Public Health. There are no competing interests to declare.

Thank you very much for your attention. We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Major revisions
1. References: reference 29, under review. Articles that have not been accepted for publication should not be cited in the reference list, unless they are publicly available as a pre-print. Instead, please refer to them in the text in the following way: (Authors: Title of manuscript, submitted).

A: The manuscript is still under consideration, thus we have deleted reference 29 in the reference section and added in the main text using suggested style.

“Middle aged chronic disease patients are more likely to use western and TCM concurrently [27], and the rationale for making such choice could be the desire to experience a stronger interpersonal relationship with TCM practitioners [28], to reduce the side effects of western medications, or to revitalize the body by using TCM tonics [Chung, Lau, Mok, Yeoh and Griffiths: View on traditional Chinese medicine amongst Chinese population: A systematic review of qualitative and quantitative studies, submitted].”

Minor Revision
2. Reference 12: please provide a functioning link to this website

A: The link is provided.
World Health Organization: The world health report 2008