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Dear Editors

I hereby submit the manuscript entitled *Marginalisation and cardiovascular disease among rural Sami in Northern Norway: a population-based cross-sectional study.*

BMC Public Health has a special focus on the social determinants of health. The study on the effects of acculturation on health in indigenous peoples in the Arctic represents a growing field within public health research in general, and within the social determinants on health research in particular. This study addresses also the need for research within this field among the Sami of Norway. Furthermore, our study is the first analysis of the effects of acculturation on CVD among the Sami in Norway.

The changes made since the last submission are:

1) References (33 and 34) to the questionnaires are provided on p. 7

2) The full name of and reference (32) to the institutional ethics committee that approved the study is included in Methods section on p. 6.

I hope the study is considered relevant for publication in your journal, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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