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To: Editor  
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Re: Manuscript Submission “Attitudes on Euthanasia and Cremation in Cyprus: A population-based Survey”

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to submit a revised version of our manuscript entitled “Attitudes on Euthanasia and Cremation in Cyprus: A population-based Survey” for your consideration.

To our knowledge, this is the first study on population beliefs and attitudes on euthanasia and cremation in Cyprus. We believe that your journal provides an ideal scientific venue through which we would be able to present and highlight our findings to the scientific community around the world.

We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise and resubmit our manuscript to BMC Public Health. We have made every effort to accommodate the editors’ and reviewers’ comments, which indeed were very helpful.

Attached please find a copy of our detailed point-by-point response to the provided comments. Also we are pleased on behalf of all co-authors to submit our revised manuscript.

Attached please find a copy of our revised manuscript. If you have further questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (357) 99410677 or via e-mail. I would like to thank you very much in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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- We do feel that the manuscript may be suited for another of our journals, BMC Public Health (http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpublichealth/). If you would be happy to have your manuscript transferred to this journal for further consideration, please let us know within the next seven days and we will handle the transfer on your behalf. Your manuscript will then be assessed by an Editor and sent for peer review if appropriate.

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- Further, we will need you to make some changes to the formatting of your manuscript. We strongly urge you to make these changes promptly, as we cannot start the process until we have received a version containing the changes.

R: Thank you. We have made all suggested changes below.

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**R:** A copy of the questionnaire used in the study has been translated and included as an Additional File.