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Response to Editor’s Letter Dated 23 May 2014

Dear Editor,

Please find attached a copy of the manuscript “The impact of chronic conditions of care recipients on the labour force participation of informal carers in Australia: Which conditions are associated with higher rates of nonparticipation in the labour force?” which we wish to re-submit to you.

We have addressed the requests from your Production Team as follows:

Competing Interests section has been revised in the light of your request. It now reads as:

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study, and provided expert advice on carers. All authors contributed to interpretation of the results. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

We have checked our reference list with the guidelines set out on BMC website, and believe they are in order.

Yours sincerely,

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