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Dear Dr. Bucceri:

Thank you for your excellent and timely review of our resubmission of the manuscript entitled: “The Influence of Active Coping and Perceived Stress on Health Disparities in a Multi-Ethnic Low Income Sample” ms #1138791797157296, to BioMed Public Health. We believe this is an important topic and will be of great interest to your readers. We are delighted to hear of the conditional acceptance.

We have reviewed the comments of the reviewers and have made any necessary changes. We thank your statistical consultant Dr. Stoppelbein for comments and believe that we have now addressed (as does she) the analysis issues. We agree with Dr. Haukkala that cross-sectional analyses have inherent limitations but have addressed this issue in the limitations of the manuscript. We have made the changes to the abstract suggested but Dr. Haukkala and also added references as recommend regarding the validity of subjective oral health to the measures section (pg. 8). In addition to having a medical writer review the manuscript we have doubled check the manuscript to ensure it follows the formatting checklist.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to publish this important work in BioMed Public Health. Thank you for the careful review.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Watson, PhD