Author's response to reviews

Title: Assessing the Disease Burden of Yi People by Years of Life Lost in Shilin County of Yunnan Province, China

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To editors of BMC Public Health

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am submitting the revised manuscript “Assessing the Disease Burden of Yi Population by Years of Life Lost in Rural China” (MS: 1973280393251826) to BMC Public Health. I have addressed my responses to the comments in the revised manuscript, and given a point-by-point explanation to the concerns in this cover letter.

Here below is our description on revision according to your comments.

(1) Ensure the title of your manuscript is clear and accurately reflects the content of your article.

Answer: We have correct the title for your kind advice as "Assessing the Disease Burden of Yi People by Years of Life Lost in Shilin County of Yunnan Province, China”.

(2) Include more context information in the background section of your abstract, in addition to the aims of your study.

Answer: We have added more context information in the background section of our abstract. Especially we have added the aims of your study as “This study aims to address the differentials about YLL between Yi people and Han people for providing useful information for health planning”.

Thank you and all the reviewers for the kind advice.

Best wishes,
Zhou Shang Cheng
**Reviewer:** Yunfei Lao

**Minor Essential Revisions:**

1. There are some errors of grammar or spelling:

1) The sentence 2, para 1 of Background, namely the cited part from the website—“The Yaps are distributed in the were of the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and ……”
   
   **Answer:** We have correct the sentence for your kind advice. (see below)
   
   “The members of Yi nationality are distributed in the west of the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and the southeast border region of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau in Yunnan, Sichuan and Guizhou provinces and the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region[2].”

2) The last sentence, last para of “Calculation of YLL and mortality” part ----“This is a Microsoft Excel spread sheetthat contains the formulate to calculate YLLs”.
   
   **Answer:** We have correct the sentence for your kind advice. (see below)
   
   “This is a Microsoft Excel spread sheet that contains the formula to calculate YLLs.”

3) the sentence 3, para 2 of Discussion and the last sentence, para 1 of Results —“Wheras …”
   
   **Answer:** We have correct the sentence for your kind advice. (see below)
   
   “The old people had the highest mortality rate in age group of 80 years and over, whereas YLL/1000 was the highest in the 0~ years age group.”

4) The last sentence, last para in the part of Results and the sentence 2 in para 5 in Discussion “… with with…”
   
   **Answer:** We have delete one “with” to correct the sentence for your kind advice. (see below)
   
   “When the rate per thousand population was used, male had the higher premature mortality burden in all three death cause groups with the exception of male for whom were similar with female in 15 age group for group I and 60 and over age group for group II.”

5) The 3rd sentence, 3rd para in Discussion, “….does not matched to…”
   
   **Answer:** We have correct the sentence for your kind advice. (see below)
   
   “Moreover, the number of the infant population in 0~ group was small, but larger in YLL of this age group for the infant population losing more life years.”

2. In the “Background” part, the first sentence “YLL is one of the methods…..” is almost repeated in the 1st paragraph of “Calculation of YLL and mortality rate” part.
   
   **Answer:** We have deleted the repeated sentence “This is one of the…” in the 1st paragraph of “Calculation of YLL and mortality rate” part.