Author's response to reviews

Title: Predictors of regular mammography use among American Indian women in Oklahoma: a cross-sectional study

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Peter O’Donovan
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Dear Dr. O’Donovan:

On behalf of all the coauthors I would like to re-submit for publication to BMC Women’s Health the manuscript entitled “Predictors of regular mammography use among American Indian women in Oklahoma: a cross-sectional study.” The version I am submitting today (the first version was submitted on December 20th) has changed in two ways. First, I am incorporating the tables in the body of the main text of the manuscript. Second, I am including the title page with names, institutions, and e-mail addresses of all authors.

This study is original research that took place in a rural area in Oklahoma. As requested by the collaborating tribe I cannot identify the name or the exact location of the tribe. In addition, the tribal leadership has reviewed the manuscript and approved its content.

This study is unique in many ways. First, it takes place in a non-reservation setting; earlier similar studies took place on a reservation setting. Second, it is quantitative in nature, whereas the majority of studies among Native American women are qualitative. Lastly it is based on a sound theoretical framework which has never been applied before within the Native American community. The results of the study, as well as its methodology can be useful to practitioners and researchers who are engaged in the fields of cancer control and elimination of health disparities, not only in the U.S., but also globally.

I will be serving as the corresponding author of this manuscript. All of the authors listed in this letter are aware of this submission. I have assumed responsibility for keeping my coauthors informed of our progress through this editorial review process, the content of the reviews, and any additional revisions made.

My colleagues and I are looking forward to your response and your comments.

Sincerely,

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