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Dear Editors,

We are pleased to submit our revised manuscript entitled “Retention rate of physicians in public health administration and their career paths in Japan”.

We have made the appropriate changes in the manuscript in accordance with the Editor’s instructions and suggestions. Please find the revised document attached.

With regard to each individual comment,

**Editorial Comment 1**
Please revise the Background section of the Abstract to include additional context information in addition to aim.

**Response to Comment 1**
We have added a sentence of context information to the Background section in addition to editing the entire Abstract to within the 350 word limit to comply with the journal requirements.

**Editorial Comment 2**
Please clarify within the Method Section of the manuscript whether the data used in this study is publicly available or whether you obtained approval for the use of the data.

**Response to Comment 2**
We have clarified that the data is not publicly available and that we obtained approval from the Government to use the data by adding a separate paragraph in the Study Design and Setting subsection in the Method section.

We hope this revised version is satisfactory in making the appropriate clarifications according to your requests for revision. We would be very pleased if it is accepted for publication in “BMC Health Service Research.”

Sincerely,
Soichi Koike