Author’s response to reviews

Title: Home healthcare services in Taiwan: a nationwide study among the older population

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Dear Miss Anderson,

On behalf of the authors, I thank you very much for your kind consideration of our manuscript, and the reviewers for their useful comments. We have made the requested revisions to the manuscript and hope that it will now be acceptable for publication. We have made minor changes to the text of our manuscript according to the reviewers’ comments and the journal style.

Please find below our responses to the reviewers’ comments:

**Reviewer 1**

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. In the results section, paragraph 2, when you say “The numbers of home healthcare visits during 2004 were further arranged…”, you should say “The number of home healthcare visits per patient during 2004 was further arranged…”
   
   **Response:**
   
   *We had corrected this sentence in Results section, paragraph 2, lines 5 to 6.*

2. In table 1, you should also mark with an asterisk the variable “Nº. of home healthcare patients (% of beneficiaries)”, to indicate that you have tested the statistical significance of gender differences and you have found it is p<0.0001.
   
   **Response:**
   
   *We had marked the variable “No. of home healthcare patients (% of beneficiaries)” with an asterisk in table 1.*

3. In figure 1, you should display the name of the variables you are representing: “Percentage (%),” in the Y axe, and “Number of visits per patient,” in the X axe.
   
   **Response:**
   
   *We had displayed the name of the variables in Figure 1.*
Reviewer 2

Reviewer's report:
1. The authors have addressed all of my previous comments.

Response:
Thank you very much for your comment.

I again thank you for your time and efforts in helping us to improve our manuscript. I hope we have addressed all of the issues satisfactorily and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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