Author’s response to reviews

Title: A simple diabetes vascular severity staging instrument and its application to a Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal adult cohort of north Australia

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Dear Editor

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RE: Response to peer review; manuscript: 1697168230607543

We are extremely pleased that you have accepted our manuscript, in principle, for publication in BMC Health Services Research.

We thank the reviewers once again for their time and valuable comments. Discretionary revisions suggested by reviewer 2 have been made. They are,

a) There is now a space between stage and 1 in the results,

b) Error bars displaying confidence intervals are included in figure 2,

c) The sentence about assessing the construct validity of the instrument has been moved from the objective to the method (analysis) and is highlighted in yellow on page 9,

d) As suggested at the initial peer review, the standard error of the mean for each mean monthly inpatient hospital cost by vascular stage is now included in the text of the document and is highlighted in yellow on page 10.

The manuscript format including the references, tables and graphs have been checked again to ensure they conform to the Journal style.

We hope the edits accurately address the Reviewer’s comments and that the document is formatted correctly to BMC Health Service Research requirements. We look forward to our manuscript being published.

With regards

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