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Title: Growing Old Before Growing Rich: Inequality in health service utilization among the mid-aged and elderly in Gansu and Zhejiang Provinces, China

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Dear BMC Health Service Research,

On behalf of all my coauthors, I would like to submit our revised manuscript, entitled “Growing Old Before Growing Rich: Inequality in health service utilization among the mid-aged and elderly in Gansu and Zhejiang Provinces, China” to BMC Health Service Research.

Basing on comments from by your office, we have made the following changes;

- Kindly clarify in your manuscript whether data was openly available or whether you received approval (and by who) to use it.

  All data stripped of private identifying information is available for research use at no charge (http://charls.ccer.edu.cn/charls/). The authors participate the CHARLS questionnaire design and are authorized to access the database.

- Please include aims of study within background section of abstract

  We aim to investigate inequality in service utilization among mid-aged and elderly, with a special attention of health insurance, and explore the contribution of each factor.

We believe it is a good fit for the BMC Health Service Research readers.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We appreciate the opportunity to submit our paper to BMC Health Service Research and look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely yours,

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