Author's response to reviews

Title: Integration of rural and urban medical insurance schemes in China: an empirical research

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Based on the comments from the reviewers, the following revisions have been made:

1. The use of abbreviations in the abstract makes it unintelligible, and the authors could still be much clearer in describing what the paper is actually about.

We have provided the full names for all the abbreviations, and necessary revisions have been made so that international readers could better understand the conditions of current healthcare system in China.

2. The English is poor in places.

We have sought help from a native English speaker with the English writing, and have made revisions where the expressions were inappropriate.

3. The paper could be a lot clearer, and would almost certainly be improved if they reduced it from 4300 words to 3000 words, focusing on very succinct aims and findings.

To make the paper more clear with succinct aims and findings, we have tried in every effort to reduce the paper from 4300 words to around 3800 words, retaining only the necessary descriptions and findings. But in order to preserve the structure and necessary information of the paper, we find it hard to reduce it any more. If you have any further suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.
4. The aims of the study (i.e. why its important) are still not really clear to someone who doesn't understand the Chinese health care system.

In this paper, we have provided the necessary background of each kind of healthcare insurance scheme in China and the necessity for healthcare insurance integration. Also we have clearly stated our focus of the paper: for the successful implementation of universal healthcare, the voices of the mass should be heard, and we specifically studied people’s expected healthcare insurance model, their willingness towards integration, and the relevant factors.