Author's response to reviews

Title: Racial and ethnic disparities in the control of cardiovascular disease risk factors in Southwest American veterans: the Diabetes Outcomes in Veterans Study

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Dear BioMed Central Editorial Team:

We have addressed the requests for formatting changes:

We have added the phrase: The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

We have ensured that Tables 1 and 2 appear as single tables by removing the second set of column headings.

We have also made minor revisions in text and tables for style and clarity and added two references (30, 31) to support the comment about ADA guidelines for lipid and blood pressure control.

We also made a slight change in the title: Racial and ethnic disparities in the control of cardiovascular disease risk factors in Southwest American veterans with type 2 diabetes: the Diabetes Outcomes in Veterans Study

We also reorganized the abstract, moving the sentence: "The disparities in glycemic control and insulin treatment intensity could not be explained by differences in age, body mass index, oral hypoglycemic medications, socioeconomic barriers, attitudes about diabetes care, diabetes knowledge, depression, cognitive dysfunction, or social support." from the conclusion to results.

The sentence: "The treatment disparity could be due to provider behaviors and/or patient behaviors or preferences." was added to the concluding paragraph of the manuscript.

Sincerely,

Richard Hoffman, MD