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Thank you for your evaluation. We stressed the relevance of evaluating sociodemographic and educational characteristics of OHT (Please see page 4).

“Therefore, the present study is relevant for the Brazilian public health system (Unified Health System) [9], as more thorough knowledge of this human resource is crucial for the effective planning and management of primary health care. In addition, it might represent an effective contribution to the knowledge of personal and regional characteristics of the OHTs, thus strengthening the theoretical-practical coherence of the work process. Besides, in Brazil, no such studies have been conducted with representative samples of OHTs. The availability of rigorous quantitative surveys of health care occupations could be useful in identifying appropriate solutions for human resources for health planning and management [10]. Health actions and health evaluation should consider the profile of health professions. So, the evaluation of personal characteristics of OHT could be useful for a broader and better knowledge about their potential labour force in FHS.”