Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Please find the revised version of the manuscript entitled: “Public-private partnerships in health - a global call to action”.

The reviewer's comments were very useful and based on those I have made extensive changes to the paper.

To being with, in the introduction section, partnerships have been classified and detailed examples provided of each types of classification. Classifications are based on the purpose they serve and the ownership of the partnerships.

The section of challenges and call to action has been re-written to a large extent - it follows a logical sequence in the sense that the call to action emanates from the challenges and the chronological sequence in which they were discussed. I have also added examples and specific discussions wherever it was possible in each of the 'challenges' - however the ethical challenges are largely generic and I am sure you will understand, that referring to a particular partnership as an example is neither appropriate nor required. In the process-related challenges on the other hand, specific examples have been illustrated.

Many more references have been added and in particular reference has been made to the work of Kent Buse as suggested by one reviewer. And of course I have made all the editorial changes.

I have revisited the comments of the reviewers again carefully and from what I understand, I feel that all the concerns have been addressed.

Please let me know if you need me to make any further changes.

Very best regards, Sania