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Title: Falling behind: life expectancy in US counties from 2000 to 2007 in an international context

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Dear Alan,

I am pleased to resubmit “Falling behind: life expectancy in US counties from 2000 to 2007 in an international context” on behalf of my co-authors Sandeep Kulkarni, Alison Levin-Rector and Majid Ezzati. After considerable reflection, we have responded to the reviewers’ comments and made appropriate changes within this edition of the manuscript. Some comments by reviewer 1 reflected their preference to not study life expectancy but rather the CMR. The aim of our paper is to apply and appropriate method in order to measure life expectancy at the local level; we have, therefore, reiterated in the response to reviewers the aim of our paper.

We hope *Population Health Metrics* will consider our revised manuscript for publication. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions.

Kind regards,

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