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Response

We decided not to add Dr. Chunfang Mao as an author since her contributions did not qualify for authorship.

2. We also note that in previous correspondence you stated that “The study has been supported by Dr. Chunfang Mao, the Director of the Shanghai Association of Community Healthcare (SACH). SACH does not have a registered ethical committee but have reviewed the ethical point and approved it in 2011 (ref SACH201103).” Please can you include this statement in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of your manuscript.

Please can you clarify whether you also obtained approval from SACH to conduct your study in 2013. If the approval in 2011 also covered 2013 then please state this.

Response
We have added required statements in the manuscript at ethics of approval of Methods Section, line 12, page6, and Declarations Section, line 13, page13.

3. Please clarify whether you also obtained permission from the CHCs included in your study and clearly state who you obtained permission from in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section. If permission was not required please state this with a justification.

Response

We obtained permissions from the included CHCs. We have provided the descriptions in the manuscript at Declaration Section, line 14, page 13.

4. In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the Declarations please clarify whether written or verbal consent was obtained from the participants. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

Response

We have clarified the form of consent at the Declaration Section, line14, page13.

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Response

We have added the Consent to Publish section in Declarations, line 17, page13.

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Response

We added Availability of Data and Materials in the Declarations Section, line 20, page 13.

7. We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of MW, as currently they do not automatically qualify for authorship. Providing comments, alone, does not usually justify authorship.

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Response

Prof. Wong was omitted from the author list.

8. There are still some minor grammatical problems. For example, In Discussion, first sentence should be changed to "This study in Shanghai FOUND THAT primary care....". and second sentence " However...... in 2013 compared TO that in 2011." Please ensure that you have thoroughly checked your manuscript for any other language errors and corrected them. We recommend that you ask a native English speaking colleague to help you copyedit the paper. If this is not possible, you may need to use a professional language editing service. Use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of acceptance for publication.

Response

We have checked the manuscript thoroughly to avoid typos and grammatical errors.