Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors Affecting the Work Competency and Stability of Family Doctors in Shanghai: A Tracking Study

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Dear Editor,

Thanks for carefully checking our manuscript, we have modified our manuscript according to the suggestion.

Response to Professor Juan Du (Reviewer 2):

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 There are many different expressions in this article about family doctor contract services, such as "Family Doctor Contracting Services Management","the family doctor registration system"," releasing the "1+1+1" medical institution registration contract (i.e., residents can voluntarily choose a family doctor from a community health service center, a secondary hospital, and a municipal hospital to sign their registration contract". Please use the appropriate expressions.

The article has been unified for the expressions of “family doctor contracting services”.
1.2 The meaning of family doctor contract service should be explained in the first paragraph. We have added the definition of family doctor contracting service to the beginning of the second paragraph in the Background part.

1.3 In China, the meaning of general practitioners and family doctors is different; please pay attention to the appropriate use.

Thanks for your suggestion. In the Method part, we have defined the participants, who are family doctors who can provide contracting services, not all general practitioners.

2. METHODS

Questionnaire survey Please add the situation of GP, population and reform pilot in Changning district, especially in 2013-2016.

We have added the development of the family doctor system in Changning district to the Questionnaire survey of Method part.

3. DISCUSSION

1.1 The first and second paragraphs of the discussion have little to do with the results, the relevant content is suggested in the background section.

Thank you for your suggestion. The first paragraph described the importance of the ability of family doctors for providing services, and the necessity for evaluation; the second paragraph described the domestic and international family doctor competency model and practice, which provided the reference for this study. The research team considered that these two paragraphs could provide a basis for the following discussion of our results.

1.2 The discussion part focuses on the results, especially the factors that affect competency and stability of GP.

We agree with this very much. We believe that finding the factors that affect the competency and stability of family doctors and then taking the corresponding measures to solve the problem, are especially important to further providing better contracting services.
Different influencing factors of general practitioners' competence and stability in 2013 and 2016 were not discussed in this paper. Is the difference due to model instability or something else?

Thank you for your suggestion. In the third paragraphs of the discussion, we stated the different influencing factors in 2013 and 2016 separately, and in the study we analyzed the reasons, mainly because the focus was different in the process of family doctors system, for example, more emphasis on family doctor training and self-recognition ability of family doctors. Also the model instability might affect, but we could solve by the technical model testing.

Please contact us if any questions, thank you again.

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