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Dear BMC Public Health Editorial Team,

Subject: MS: 2069253244116377 -- Workplace violence against HomeCare Workers and its Relationship with Workers Health Outcomes: a Cross-Sectional Study. Dr. Ginger C. Hanson et al.

We only had one reviewer on this third revision for BMC Public Health. She had only one critic but it was valuable in helping us strengthen our paper. We explain how we incorporated the suggestion in italics below. We have also checked the formatting of the document in accordance to the journal style and made a few minor changes to comply.

Reviewer 1

1. In my point of view, this revised manuscript may deserve to be published. However, I would be happy that an important limitation may be added in the discussion: the low response rate to the survey (33%).

We have added the following text to the limitations section: “Our 33% response rate was not unexpected given some of the barriers to reaching this population, such as income and housing insecurity that impact their access to consistent and reliable phone and internet services. Given this response rate, we cannot rule out the possibility that respondents may have been more likely to experience workplace violence than non-respondents. However, we were careful during recruitment to emphasize the importance of hearing from all workers, whether or not they had experience workplace violence.”