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To the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: MS: 2061855622140768

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Thank you for sending our manuscript to an additional reviewer. On behalf of the authors, I am pleased to submit a revised version of the above referenced manuscript in response to the reviewers' comments.

The comments of the reviewer were very valid with a good intention of improving the manuscript. We have made efforts to respond to all the comments given by the reviewer which we believe have improved our manuscript considerably.

Our detailed point-to-point responses to the reviewers’ comments are presented on the following pages. We hope you will find the manuscript of interest to readers of BMC Public Health.

Yours sincerely

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