Author’s response to reviews

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The Editor, BMC Public Health

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your comments. We have now made revisions to address these comments, point by point in the response letter below.

Editor Comments:

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Our response:

The authors generated both figures (the lead author and corresponding author are geographers). We note in the figure captions for each figure: “map created by the authors.”
2. Please add three to ten keywords representing the main content of the article below the abstract.

Our response:

We added key words below the abstract, in the manuscript.

3. Please ensure that you follow the journal guidelines regarding the labelling of different sections of the manuscript. In order to adhere to the journal guidelines, please rename the section "Introduction" to "Background".

Our response:

This heading was changed.

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Please ensure that the reference style is followed precisely.

Our response:

References in the text are now listed in numerical order in square brackets. The references section is now in numerical order (not alphabetical).

5. Please add a statement to the "Authors' Contributions" section that all authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

Our response:

This statement is now included.

6. In the "Funding" section of the Declarations, please indicate the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Our response:
The funding body was not involved in any of the activities listed above – so this has been added to the Funding section.

We hope these revisions meet your requirements.

Thank you,

Amber L. Pearson, on behalf of all authors