Author’s response to reviews

Title: “They’re always there”: Resident Experiences of Living with Rats in a Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhood

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Dear Dr. Barling:

Thank you for accepting our manuscript “They’re always there”: Resident Experiences of Living with Rats in a Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhood”. We have made the necessary change regarding Reviewer 1’s suggestion to use consistent naming of "participants" throughout. We have also addressed the edits suggested by the Assistant Editor, detailed below. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of the final draft of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

Kaylee

1. Interview Guide

We have uploaded a supplementary file with the Interview Guide used as a part of this study, and we have amended the main text (Methods) to reference this guide.

2. Authors Contributions
We have included a statement to indicate that all authors have read and approved of the final document.

3. Image Attribution

The image was obtained from an online source (Creative Commons), and acknowledgement of the creator is given in the Figure legend as detailed by the “Noun Project” licensing agreement (see: Rat image by Jake Dunham, available through the Noun Project).

4. Funding

We have included a statement regarding the involvement of the funding body in the work. “The funding body approved of the study aims and had no further involvement in design or implementation.”

5. Formatting

We have added a “Figure Legends” heading.

6. Clean Manuscript

We have removed all track changes, comments etc. from the document. The uploaded version is a clean draft of the manuscript.

We thank the Assistant Editor for their suggestions in preparing this manuscript for publishing.