Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Eva Szunyogova,

I attach here the revised Manuscript with Ms. ID. No.:

PUBH-D-19-00501R1, entitled, “Barriers to formal healthcare utilisation among poor older people under the Livelihood Empowerment against Poverty programme in Atwima Nwabiagya District of Ghana”

On behalf of my coauthors, I write to thank you and our reviewers for a thorough review of our manuscript and the opportunity granted us to resubmit a revised version for potential publication. The various comments and suggestions were insightful and have helped to strengthen the manuscript

We hope that the revised manuscript will fulfill your expectations and will now be suitable for publication in your journal, BMC Public Health.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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RESPONSE TO THE EDITOR’S REVIEWER’S COMMENTS

Abstract

1. Comment: Please provide a declarative concluding statement before enumerating the recommendations as currently done.

Response: We thank the reviewer for this comment. We wish to state that a declarative conclusion has been provided before the recommendations [Page 2, conclusion under abstract, line 1-2]

Results

Comment: Results: I am not too comfortable with the theme "Non-comprehensive nature of the national health insurance" being placed under Social barriers. It seems more like an economic issue. What do you think?

Response: We thank the reviewer for this comment: We wish to say that the theme “Non-Comprehensive nature of the National Health Insurance Scheme” has been placed under economic barriers [Page 18-19 under economic barrier section]

Conclusion

Comment: Conclusion: Pg. 27, line 45; should read as ".....this study found barriers to healthcare among poor older people to be related to physical accessibility, social factors, and the healthcare environment."

Response: We thank the reviewer for this comment. We wish to state that we have addressed the comment. [Page 28, line 1-3, under conclusion]