**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** Utilization of cervical cancer screening among migrants and non-migrants in Germany: Results from a large-scale population survey

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Dear Dr. Decker,

We are happy to learn that our manuscript is considered for publication and that only minor revisions are necessary. We have revised it accordingly using “track changes” mode.

In the following, we would like to respond to the editor’s comments point-by-point.

Comment: Abstract – Please revise because the abstract should be in the past tense since the analysis has already taken place.

Response: We revised the abstract accordingly.

Comment: Page 3, Line 15 – Pap test use is on an annual basis is not recommended according to the references used. Please check the guidelines.

Response: The editor is right and we thank for that important remark. We changed “annual” to “regular” since the recommended intervals vary between countries.

Comment: Page 4 – The introduction is too long. Aim for 1.5 pages. Summarize lines 24 to 38 in a sentence or two.

Response: We have shortened the respective section accordingly.

Comment: Pap test should have a capital P.
Response: Corrected.

Comment: Line 39 – Being based on … is a dangling participle. Please correct.
Response: Changed.

Comment: Line 44 – Please do not use the passive voice (had been, being etc.). Use the active voice. Please read the paper and correct throughout.
Response: We reviewed the manuscript once again and made adjustments were possible.

Comment: Page 6 – line 10 – This should be part of the limitations of the study
Response: We deleted the sentence. The information was already included in the discussion section before.

Comment: Line 14 - Add a comma after use and also add a reference for this statement
Response: We added a comma and a reference.

Comment: Line 20 – You can use SES abbreviation since you already defined it
Response: Modified accordingly.

Comment: Line 23, 24 – Remove the word “the” – ex. Place of residence not the place of residence
Response: Removed.

Comment: Line 32 – Change to - all variables included in the analysis had less than 2% of values missing.
Response: Changed.

Comment: Line 37 – Best to not start the sentence with a symbol but spell out the word
Response: Modified accordingly.
Comment: Line 44 – State the abbreviation for confidence interval
Response: The abbreviation has been stated.

Comment: Page 7 - Line 10 – Change to included in further analysis
Response: Changed.

Comment: Line 13 – Change to differed by, and a comma is needed after particularly
Response: Modified accordingly

Comment: Line 17 - You are reporting percentages not proportions (i.e., 50% not 0.50) so change the word proportions to percentages
Response: Changed.

Comment: Line 32 - Do not start a sentence with being so please revise.
Response: Changed.

Comment: Line 44 – Change to which decreased with age (not while they tended to decrease with age)
Response: Changed.

Comment: Page 8 – line 28 – This has already been stated (see first sentence) so please revise.
Response: We had deleted “which reported lower rates of participation in cervical cancer screening in migrant women as compared to the respective majority populations” in the first revised version submitted on Oct 12. Line 28 the editor is referring to, therefore, largely consist of deleted text. If we misunderstood the editor’s comment, we kindly ask for further clarification.

Comment: Page 9 – line 13 – Chang to a higher likelihood of cervical cancer screening use
Response: Changed.

Comment: Line 31 and 32 – This is an awkward sentence that should be revised
Response: Changed.

Comment: Line 51 – Please add a comma after proficiency

Response: A comma has been added.