Author’s response to reviews

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Second Revision

Editor Comments:
Many thanks for your revision, which has been re-reviewed and, as you will see, requires some additional modifications. In addition to the outstanding reviewer's comments, could you please address the following:

1) Many thanks for your response to referee 1 Dr Roland. We note however that not all the information provided in your point by point response has been incorporated in the manuscript. Please review the original report by referee 1 and include all relevant information in the manuscript.
Reply: I have checked every response for Dr Roland’s suggestion, and highlighted the change which was made based on Dr Roland with blue shade.
Among which,

1) Question ‘Line 12, what is "rough screening"? I'm unfamiliar with this term. Please add citation for the incidence’. My answer was ‘Reply: sorry, that should be general survey for cervical cancer in this region, it is a translation error, and I have change the word in the revised manuscript’. And citation for these data actually were [7,8,11,12] in the manuscript before revised, and were [7,8,13,14] in the revision, I was put them all together after all information was given. Therefore, I have not added any citation for this, and so sorry for I have not explained it clear in the first revision. …………………Page 5 line 5

2) Question ‘How long did the survey take to complete?’, and my reply was: ‘Reply: as I described above, it take 7 month in total to complete the whole survey. And I have added this content into the revised manuscript’. But I have found I have not added the this sentence in the revised manuscript, and it actually taken 8 months to complete the whole survey, not 7, I have added this in the second revision, sorry for that……………………………..Page 5 line 23-24

3) Question ‘Were all women in the 2 sample counties approached? ’, I have given my reply to this but forgot to make change in the manuscript, now I have added the sentence ‘The total number of women aged 15-64 were about 193,000 in Karakax, Hotan and 14,000 in Payzivat, Kashgar based on rough estimated data’.

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4) Question ‘What was the response rate? ’, Reply: ‘We were plan to recruit 5000 women in Hotan and 2000 women in Kashgar, and there were 5495 and 2313 women were enrolled and received questionnaire survey, 5000 questionnaire were the response rate was respectively, at the end, qualified questionnaire was ontained from 5000 and 2100 women, respectively. Therefore, the response rate was 91.0% and 90.8% for Hotan and Kashgar. ’, and I also have forgot to add this into revision, sorry, I have added the information about response rate in the second revision………………………Page 6 line 29 and Page 7 line 1-2

5) Question ‘How many trained recruiters were there to collect data?’, Reply: 4 graduated student with gynecological oncology major and 5 trained local health workers were there to collect data. I have added the number of recruiter in second revision……………………………….Page 5 line 29
6) Question ‘Were these surveys collected during regular, routine primary care home visits? ’, I replied: Yes. I have added this content into the second revision…………………………………Page 6 line 4-5

7) Question ‘What is the role of the husband in women's healthcare? ’, and my reply was: ‘In Uyghur farmer’s family, husbands are the main economic provider. They occupied the leading role to make the decision on household expense and other daily routines. Therefore, a woman was not able access any healthcare services without husbands permission and economic support. The husband’s awareness of cervical cancer and other diseases, may determine the wife’s health condition’, I am not very clear whether I should add this content into the manuscript or not?

For other questions, I have made change already in the first revision. Deeply apologize for my neglection.

2) Ethical approval: Please specify whether the consent obtained from participants was written or verbal.
Reply: The consent obtained from participants was written, I have added the word ‘written’ in the revised manuscript. I also attached the informed consent in the additional file………………………………..Page 12 line 29

3) Authors contributions: Please identify authors by their initials rather than using their full names.
Reply: I have change the authors name by their initials, thank you…………………………………………..Page 13 line 12-15

4) Please provide a copy of the text of the survey as an additional file.
Reply: I have attached the questionnaire and informed consent we used at the survey in the additional file.

Reviewer reports:
Sarah Feldman (Reviewer 2): I think this revision is excellent and I would accept.
The English is much improved. I have just several very minor suggestions:

The changes were highlighted with yellow shade in the second revised manuscript.

1. p. 5 line 48. substitute physicians for postgraduates
   Reply: I have substitute the word, thank you……..Page 5 line 29

2. p. 6 line 57 could you please equate Yuan with US dollars or with percent of poverty level or some other way to understand the income levels?
   Reply: Thank you for the suggestion, I have added the US dollars value after each Yuan for convenience…………………………...Page 7 line 7-8

3. p. 11 line 21 please substitute "the direct cause" to "is associated with.."
   Reply: I have changed the word, thank you……page 11 line 19

Also the abstract needs some minor editing of the English to make sense which can be done easily by a copy editor.

Reply: I made editing the abstract and replaced it in the revised submission, thank you.