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Dear Dr Berens,
Thank you very much for the opportunity to resubmit the manuscript “Using the Heath Belief Model to explore why women decide for or against the removal of their ovaries to reduce their risk of developing cancer” (BMWH-D-18-00291R1). We have revised our manuscript according to the reviewer’s and editor’s comments. Please find our detailed responses to their feedback below.

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- We have now included the email addresses of all authors (page 1, lines 15-18)

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- A list of abbreviations can be found on page 30, lines 734-736.

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Reviewer reports:

Natalie Evans (Reviewer 2): The authors have adequately addressed my comments.

Couple of typos:

line 528 - considerable should be considerably line 572 - BCRA should be BRCA

- These spelling mistakes have now been corrected.

We have changed the manuscript as described above and hope that this revised version will meet your approval.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Herrmann