Author’s response to reviews

Title: Characteristics of older adults using patient web portals to view their DXA results

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Dear Amelia De Salis and Catherine Rice:

Thank you for inviting us to make minor revisions to our manuscript “Characteristics of older adults using patient web portals to view their DXA results” (MIDM-D-17-00358R1) for publication in BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making

We have carried out the revisions you requested:

Editor’s Comment: Please clarify why written consent was obtained from participants from the University of Iowa and verbal consent was obtained from Kaiser Permanente and University of Alabama participants.

Authors’ Response: Per the policy of each site’s IRB, we had to obtain written consent from participants from the University of Iowa and verbal consent from Kaiser Permanente and University of Alabama Participants. The University of Iowa requires written consent whenever researchers collect personal health information even if only collecting survey or interview data. We provided a brief clarification of this issue in lines 302-303.
Editor’s Comment: In the section 'Funding', please also describe the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Authors’ Comment: The funding agency, NIH, played no role in the study design, data collection, analysis, or interpretation or writing of manuscript (Lines 321-322)

Editor’s Comments: At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Authors’ Comment: We have provided a clean version of the manuscript and of the tables.

Sincerely,

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