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Cover letter to Reviewers and Editor of BMC Health Services Research

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Dear esteemed reviewers and Editor of BMC HSR,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript. We are deeply appreciative of your valuable comments and feedback to improve our manuscript. We have made the essential minor revisions as recommended in our revised manuscript. Please also see our replies to your comments below. We hope these will be acceptable to the reviewers and editor.

Thank you & Warm regards,

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Reviewer: Dr Chryssoula Lemonidou

1. Results: Line 244, Table 2 has to be corrected as Table 1

Our Reply: Thank you. We have revised in the manuscript as suggested.

2. Line 254, there is still a number after a period and it must be changed to words

Our reply: Thank you for your suggestion. We have revised in the manuscript as suggested.

3. Line 256, Table 1 has to be corrected as Table 2

Our reply: Thank you for your suggestion. We have re-checked and confirmed that the mortality rate in our manuscript was presented in table 1, which is now the socio-demographics table. Therefore, we have kept line 256 as Table 1.

4. Line 281, Discussion instead of Interpretation (according to the Journal’s suggestion)

Our reply: Thank you for your suggestion. We have revised in the manuscript as suggested.