Author’s response to reviews

Title: Why Do Patients Follow Physicians’ Advice? The Influence of Patients’ Regulatory Focus on Adherence: An Empirical Study in China

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Dear Dr. Wu,

Your manuscript “Why Do Patients Follow Physicians’ Advice? The Influence of Patients’ Regulatory Focus on Adherence: An Empirical Study in China” (BHSR-D-18-00894R2) has been assessed by our reviewers. Based on these reports, and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Health Services Research, once you have carried out some essential revisions suggested by our reviewers. Their reports, together with any other comments, are below. Please also take a moment to check our website at https://www.editorialmanager.com/bhsr/ for any additional comments that were saved as attachments. Please note that as BMC Health Services Research has a policy of open peer review, you will be able to see the names of the reviewers.

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Response:

Dear Editor and Reviewers,

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity you provided to revise and resubmit the manuscript. Thank you so much for your valuable advice. After reading and discussing your comments and
suggestions, we carefully revised our manuscript. Please see the following point by point responses.

Thank you so much again!

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