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Dear

BMC Health Services Research Editorial Office,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised version of our manuscript entitled: ‘Diabetes distress in Indonesian patients with type 2 diabetes: a comparison between primary and secondary care’ BHSR-D-18-01610.

In the following sections we have addressed in detail the points raised by the editor and replied to each point in turn. We think we have addressed all suggestions and feel the manuscript has been substantially improved.

All the authors have reviewed and approved the final version of the revised manuscript being submitted. The manuscript is not currently being considered elsewhere. If accepted, it will not be
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We hope that the revised manuscript meets the high standards of your journal.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our revised manuscript and look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

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1. Editor Comments:

Consent to participate

In your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section of your declarations please confirm if an ethics committee approved your procedure of consent for participants with limited reading ability or physical limitations.

Approval of participation is still carried out by participants. In this study, two female participants (elderly, >80 years) were assisted by their caregiver (adult children) in the instrument filling process. Caregiver helps read out question items and asks participants to choose answers. Some other caregivers act as witnesses.

In the revised manuscript, we have stated in Page 21, Declaration, Ethics approval and consent to participate, line 504-6, as follows:
For two female participants with limited reading ability due to forgotten reading glasses (>80 years and not illiterate), informed consent was given on the spot orally by the caregiver (adult children) as well as again by the participant for supported participation in the study.

2. Please also detail how you documented the consent.

Data were entered in SPSS and R, and after that all research documents were put in a box, stored in a cupboard in a secured room.

3. Additional files
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We acknowledged your request.