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Dear Mr. Recchioni:

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit our paper “Disaggregating catastrophic health expenditure by disease area: cross-country estimates based on the World Health Surveys” for consideration for publication by BMC Medicine.

In the revised manuscript, we have made the changes requested by the editorial office. First, we changed the Ethics and consent to participate statement to “Not Applicable”: we used publicly-available anonymous secondary data and so this is the appropriate IRB statement. Second, we added the requested information about additional files.
The responses from the two reviewers were as follows:

• Reviewer #1: The authors have responded to my concerns and revised the paper appropriately.

• Reviewer #2: Thank you for your revised work. I think this is a nice piece of work, and wish I would have thought of doing something like it...

We thank both reviewers for their constructive and insightful comments which strengthened the quality of our analysis.

Thank you very much for your support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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