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To the Editor, BMC Medicine

Dear Sir/Madam,

Second resubmission of paper entitled “Data management and sharing policy: the first step towards promoting data sharing” BMED-D-19-00019

We thank the reviewers for their positive feedback. Reviewer #1 had the following additional question.

For the sentence that ends with endnote 13, the authors should write a sentence explaining why do LMIC researchers not send in requests? The rules for access apply across the board. There are actually databases that propose preferential access provisions (much like what is mentioned in the "Data Access Criteria" section).

We thank the reviewer for the suggestion and have revised the text in Background, paragraph 4.

“Furthermore, very few researchers in LMICs have requested data for secondary analyses. This has been attributed to poor digital literacy, poor data science skills as well as lack of funding and time dedicated to research.(4)”

We noticed that we inadvertently left out reference 3. We have now included it (Taichman et al 2017). In addition to the above, we have made some minor grammatical corrections.

We hope that our paper is now suitable for publication in your journal.
Thank you.

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