Author’s response to reviews

Title: A checklist for designing health insurance programs - A proposed guideline for Nigerian states

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Dear reviewers,

Thank you for your insightful comments, please see our response to each comment below.

1. The abstract will need to be rewritten to reflect the change to a review article.

Response: Thank you, the abstract now highlights that the paper is a review article

2. A lot of the material in the "methods" section will fit better in the "discussions" section. This will include all the material from the segment titled "conceptual framework" all the way to "administration and management of SHIS".

Response: Whilst we truly appreciate your insightful comments, the aim of this paper was to develop a simple checklist. To do that, the review was required to ensure that adequate and appropriate components are captured, defined, and illustrated. We therefore think that it is more appropriate to have the sections on conceptual framework included in the ‘results’ section as opposed to the methods section.

3. The results section needs more material from the "result" of your review of the literature.

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3. The manuscript title may also need to change to reflect a review article.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion but we believe the title will be sufficient, relevant, and timely as it adequately captures the objective of the review given that this was not a traditional literature or systematic review.

Kind regards,

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