Author’s response to reviews

Title: National Health Insurance Accreditation pattern among private healthcare providers in Ghana

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Dear Editors:

Please find enclosed for your review, the revised manuscript entitled: “National health insurance accreditation pattern among private healthcare providers in Ghana”. The following are point-by-point responses to the reviewers/editorial comments:

1. Accreditation “outcomes” in the text is changed to accreditation “results” as suggested.

2. Figure 1 “NHIS accreditation cycle” is moved to the Appendix section as suggested, and numbering of other figures updated accordingly.

3. Table 1 “NHIS accreditation score interpretations” is also moved to the Appendix section.

4. The “Data analysis” subsection under the “Methods” section is updated (page 11, line 249-251) to reflect the confidence interval estimations for proportions of regions and proportions of healthcare facilities that passed assessment of the accreditation process.
5. The “Results” section, page 14, line 317-318 and line 326-327 contain the confidence interval estimates for the proportion of regions and proportion of healthcare facility types that passed the accreditation assessment.

6. The “Abstract” section is updated to reflect results of the confidence interval estimates for the proportion of regions and proportion of healthcare facility types that passed the accreditation assessment; page 4, line 87-88.

7. The “Discussion section” is updated to capture results from the confidence interval estimates for the proportion of regions and proportion of healthcare facility types that passed the accreditation assessment; page 15-16, line 352-353 and 367-369.

8. The “Total” in Figure 2 refers to the total number of applications received for accreditation per each region. Due to technical challenges, the Figure could not be updated.

9. Due to technical challenges, spikes such as confidence intervals could not be added to Figure 2 and 3 as suggested.

10. The reference section is updated to reflect changes made in the Manuscript, as suggested.

Thank you for considering this paper for publication. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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