Author’s response to reviews

Title: Mental wellbeing among Hispanic female domestic cleaners

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Dear Editor:

We would like to thank you again for the opportunity to submit a revised version of our manuscript (AOPH-D-19-00106R2) entitled “Mental wellbeing among Hispanic female domestic cleaners.” In order to clarify the study’s recruitment process, we have added details to the manuscript regarding Domésticas Unidas and their meetings/events as well as study staff who conducted recruitment procedures (lines 84-97). Please note that the line numbers refer to the tracked-changes version of the manuscript. We believe the requested additions were made in the previous submission of the manuscript, but during the change in authorship process, we failed to submit our response. We apologize for this oversight. We have now highlighted the changes in the manuscript and included the response below:

We hope these revisions are satisfactory and look forward to a favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

Kristina W. Whitworth, PhD
Editors Comment:

“While the added information lines 84-87 is acknowledged, grateful to give some more details about the organization that you refer to (Domésticas Unidas (DU)), its location, what were the meetings about when the participants were recruited, who was invited in these meetings, and who was the study staff, did they receive some training? Thank you very much in advance to give some more details about this request that will give some more clarification to the recruitment process.”

Response:

The following text is found in lines 84-97 of the revised manuscript:

“We recruited women to this study in collaboration with Domésticas Unidas (DU), a local San Antonio-based grassroots organization affiliated with the National Domestic Workers Alliance. Women were recruited at monthly DU meetings which were open to all domestic workers (including house cleaners, home health aides, nannies, etc.) in the San Antonio area, regardless of whether they are DU members. Almost all individuals attending these meetings are women. DU utilizes these monthly meetings for a variety of purposes, for example, to update the community on their advocacy work and offer training focused on developing job skills, negotiating salary and time off, and safe use of cleaning products. At these meetings, DU also provides women with information and tools to protect their rights on the job as well as the opportunity to share their experiences. Also, we recruited women for our study at community events such as health fairs. At all these venues, Spanish-speaking study staff (DGRP and graduate research assistants trained in responsible conduct of research and data collection) approached women to explain the purpose of the research and ask if they would like to participate.”