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**PART 1:**

Journal Name:	<b><u>Ophthalmology Research: An international Journal</u></b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>2013_OR_5543</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Utilization of eye care services among Ghanaian elderly population: Evidence from a peri-urban community in Ghana</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research</b>

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### **PART 2: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments	<p>I think this paper is generally well-written. The study also investigates an important public health issue. Some specific comments are as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The paper should specify more clearly how the subjects were chosen. The paper simply mentioned "All elderly persons that met the age criteria fir the study had an equal chance of participating in the research". This is too vague. In addition, what's the year of the survey?</li> <li>2. There is a difference between perceived eye care needs and actual eye care needs. I think either one is important. However they should not be mixed up. The author should choose one and focus their analysis and discussions on one issue.</li> <li>3. The manuscript has too many tables. Not all points have to be backed up by a table, or different tables may be combined. In addition, it may be more appropriate to turn the current Table 7 to a regression analysis. Categories of the variables may be combined to make each category having reasonable number of subjects. The two figures in my opinion are not necessary.</li> <li>4. Since a major part of this study is about barriers to healthcare, I would suggest adding a paragraph briefly describing the health care system in Ghana. For example, the author mentioned "medical insurance cover part of the fees". This sounds</li> </ol>	<p>1. In part of the methodology, authors explained that all persons 60 years and above were involved, gave the number that met the criteria and the number purposively sampled into the study. This might not have been clear to the reviewer, so authors have modified that section to make it clearer.</p> <p>2. Authors agree with reviewer and have modified the manuscript to reflect that</p> <p>3. There were 8 tables and 2 figures, authors looked at several factors that affected eye care and wanted show the relationship with selected variable and think we that the number was not unusual. However the tables have reduced to 7 and 1 figure deleted. In table 7, authors wanted to show the relationship between access to eye care and those variables shown in table and not show a predictive trend in which case regression analysis will have been used. We think the analysis used is appropriate for the sample size and study objectives</p> <p>4. Authors largely agree with reviewer's opinion and have modified the manuscript to reflect the suggestion.</p>



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	confusing to people not familiar with the country. How many people have private health insurance? Does public hospitals provide free care? Information like this should be useful.	
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