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Subject: Re: Request for final decision for manuscript number 2013\_OR\_5543

I read with pleasure the paper entitled **Utilization of eye care services among Ghanaian elderly population: Evidence from a peri-urban community in Ghana. The style of writing is superb indeed. I have enclosed my comments below and I highly recommend this paper for publication especially that I have done similar work and I know the inherent difficulties with such studies in that part of the world.**

*The authors conducted a cross sectional survey of 170 elderly persons (52.0% of those eligible) aged 60+ years in a peri-urban community in the Central Region of Ghana. Current study found a strong relationship between both income, education and both the ability to utilize eye care services and presence of visual impairment. A large proportion of the elderly who require eye care are currently not utilizing eye care services. The barriers that lead to the low utilization of eye care services among the elderly should to be explored. The paper is very well written with clear methodology and good flow discussion.*

***The current revised paper is an addition to the literature and deserves publication with a rating of 9 over a scale of 0 to 10. The conduct of such a study in that part of the country is very difficult and time consuming. The authors are to be commended for this fruitful paper full of data to be used by epidemiologists, health care providers and agencies.***

Recommend acceptance

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