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PART 1:

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

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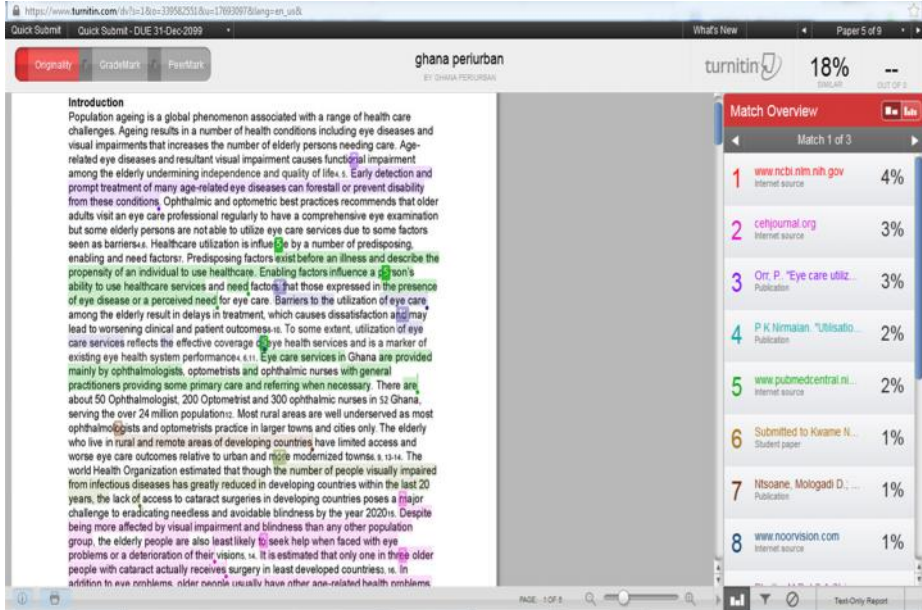
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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p>	<p>Originality report:</p> <p>A quick check with TURNITIN uncovered many sentences in the INTRODUCTION and DISCUSSION and CONCLUSION that have similarity with published texts.</p> <p>The authors should consider rephrasing these sentences.</p> <p>Below is a print-screen of the TURNITIN report:</p> 	



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	<p>Materials and Methods This study was reviewed by the IRB of University of Cape Coast. The authors should provide evidence of Ethical approval (project ID/ reference number).</p> <p>When was the study conducted?</p> <p>Inclusion and exclusion criteria should be mentioned in detail.</p> <p>What was the method of sampling?</p> <p>What were the precautions taken to minimize bias?</p> <p>Line 77-78: Sample size calculation should be provided.</p> <p>Line 80: Semi-structured questionnaires were used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why did the researchers use semi-structured questionnaires, which is more suitable for social sciences?2. Were the questions asked in English, Akan, Ewe or any other languages?3. Was there any formal /validated back-to-back translation performed between languages? <p>Line 85: Who performed the ophthalmic examinations?</p> <p>Line 86 : The researchers should determine the best corrected visual acuity (BCVA).</p> <p>Line 89: Direct ophthalmoscopy is not sufficient for the examination of the retina especially in the presence of cataract. The researchers should use the Binocular</p>	
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	<p>Indirect Ophthalmoscope (BIO).</p> <p>Line 103: In data analysis, did the researchers analyze the PVA with spectacles or PVA without spectacles?</p> <p>Line 128: “Respondents were asked to grade their perception about well they can see”</p> <p>The grading system should be explained in Materials and Methods</p> <p>The researchers should the purpose of looking into matching PVA against self-evaluation by respondents(table 4) and the difference between self evaluation and identified eye problems that needed treatment (table 6)</p> <p>There are many LIMITATIONS in this study. The researchers should identify these limitations and discuss accordingly in this manuscript.</p> <p>The researchers should also discuss the generalizability of the study.</p> <p>Line 247: Authors disclose no funding sources.</p> <p>This study involved 170 participants, and at least 3 trained social workers, 5 experience doctors of optometrists and ophthalmologists in the hospital.</p> <p>I believe some sort of funding was involved.</p>	
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Minor REVISION comments	Acknowledgement: The researchers should acknowledge those who helped in this study.	
Optional/General comments	The authors should consider rephrasing some of the sentences in INTRODUCTION and DISCUSSION and CONCLUSION	

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