Author's response to reviews

Title: Effectiveness and cost of recruitment strategies for a community-based randomised controlled trial among rainwater drinkers

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Dear Editors,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise the manuscript entitled “Effectiveness and cost of recruitment strategies for a community-based randomised controlled trial among rainwater drinkers”.

We appreciate the time taken to review the changes made to the manuscript and have given serious consideration to the comments of Reviewer 1 and the Editorial requests. The changes made to the manuscript are given on the following page.

Kind regards,

Shelly Rodrigo.
Reviewer 1: Comments and Responses:
All comments are highlighted in bold italics with the accompanying response given below each comment in normal text.

1. Comment 1: Personally I feel that “specific requirements for eligibility” and the sampling frame are two separate issues. Maybe “, particularly” should be replaced by and.

This comment was taken into consideration and the change made in the text.

2. Comment 3: I feel the second part of this sentence needs a reference.

Two references has been given:


3. Discretionary - Comment 5: I think the authors have missed the point here, but it is not an essential change. The point I was getting at was that it was more important for their study to optimise the internal validity; so while generalisability (external validity) may be reduced, this is weighed up again to the need to ensure the internal validity.

No change was made to the text

Editorial requests:

1. Please remove the following text from the Title Page: “*These authors contributed equally to this work*” - we do not permit such statements.

The statement has been removed.