Author's response to reviews

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Dear Professor Harris,
I provide you with a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ suggestions and the revised manuscript.

Kind regards.

Luigi Segagni Lusignani
NOTE:
Questions of the reviewers are reported here in italics. New phrases and sentences that have been inserted into the manuscript are in bold type.

REVIEWER #I: DENISE SILVA

No more comments to address.

REVIEWER #II: FEKADU ABEBE

Minor Essential Revisions; the authors are requested to give description of figures 1 & 2.
A description of both figures was added at the end of the manuscript (page 23, after the tables)

Minor Essential errors (e.g., page 11, last sentence, “Among no DOTS centre” may read “Among non-DOTS centres): The correction has been made at page 12.

Discretionary revisions: I would like to suggest that table 1 be removed and data on socio-economic characteristics be incorporated into table 3 (it is matter of adding one column, just before OR values). Table 3 can be divided into a) Patient related factors, and b) health system related factors.
We could not incorporate table 1 into table 3, because table 3 contains not only the variables of table 1, but also most of the variables of table 2.

REVIEWER #III: PIETER UYS

No more comments to address.