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The Editor  
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Dear Sir,  

**Submission of Revised Manuscript (ID: 1215834269107529)**  
We have addressed all the concerns raised by the reviewers and are submitting our revised manuscript entitled ‘Water sources as reservoirs of *Vibrio cholerae* O1 and non-O1 strains in Bepanda, Douala (Cameroon): relationship of isolation and physico-chemical factors’. Responses to reviewers are submitted as separate files.  
The following corrections have been done on the manuscript:  
1. The manuscript has been revised and some paragraphs and sentences with no important information deleted to shorten the length of the manuscript as it was a general comment from the reviewers that the manuscript was too long.  
2. A few references have been inserted and a few deleted.  
3. Table 1 has been split to give two tables for clarity of presentation of data. Thus there are now a total of 6 tables.  
4. Additional data from our study has been presented as Additional File 2 in response to one of the reviewers.  
5. One reviewer requested for a detailed description of the methodology for isolation of *V. cholerae* but another requested us to cite standard methods. We decided to cite standard methods to shorten the length of the manuscript.  
6. A short paragraph on the limitations of our study has been included.  
7. We recalculated the Chi square and also included the logistic regression model as requested by reviewers.  

We sincerely appreciate the comments of the reviewers and the Editorial Board as they have gone a long way to strengthen our report.  

Yours sincerely,  

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