Author's response to reviews

Title: Utility of CD4 cell counts for early prediction of virological failure during antiretroviral therapy in a resource-limited setting

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The BioMed Central Editorial Production Team
Re: changes made to the manuscript
Dated 02 July 2008
Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you so much again for accepting our article for publication in your journal.
Please be advised that the following changes have been made as requested:

1-Abstract

-Bold from the first sentence in the Background section is removed.

-Unnecessary full stop from the Conclusion section ( .....early detection of virological failure.) is removed.

2-Commas in numbers - were reformatted according to numerical values in UK style throughout your manuscript, (pages 2, 7, 8, 14, and 15: ‘1000’ was changed to read ‘1,000’ .)

3-Reference citations – is changed from superscript numbers to numbers in square brackets. References are cited in the text in ascending numerical order, before the full stop or comma or semi-colon.

4-P values - P is changed to italic on page 8 and in Table 1. This is now the style adopted consistently throughout the manuscript.

5-Website address in the reference list - website address are enclosed in square brackets as requested (Ref 1, 2 and 5)

6-References - The reference list has now been re-formatted in the journal's style. Refs 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-13, 15-20, 22 and 23 have all co-authors, as requested.
Punctuation marks and last page number have been modified to include full details, as requested.

7-Ref 8 - the 'Sep 27' has been removed Ref 8.

8-Ref 19 - the '28' has been removed from Ref 19.

9-Figure citations - The figure citations in the text are re-written, and the (-) sign was removed throughout the manuscript (see page 10 and 12). Panels B and C in Figure 4 have now been cited (see page 120).

10-Table 1 - Bold have been removed from Table 1. Sentence case in the column headings has been modified as requested. 'Not Failed' has been changed to read 'Not failed'. '(N=151)' is now used instead of 'N=(151)' and '(N=179)' is used instead of 'N=(179)'. The table has been moved to a separate page.

Thank you.

With all best wishes,

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On behalves of co-authors.