Author's response to reviews

Title: Brief report on the effect of providing single versus assorted brand name condoms to hospital patients: a descriptive study

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Carole Mongin, PhD
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Dear Dr. Mongin,
I want to thank you and your reviewers for the thoughtful and timely review of our manuscript. We are resubmitting this manuscript having made several revisions based upon their comments.

Ruth Garside: No revision suggested.
Deborah Cohen: Her primary concern appears to revolve around descriptions of the hospital clinics and patient populations. We conducted additional analysis of the patient intake diagnoses to help illustrate, as she correctly suggested, that ECC patients were higher risk. Table 1 (pg. 8), the Results (top pg. 4) and the Discussion (1st & 2nd para., pg. 4-5) were revised accordingly.
She also had questions concerning the current program status. We added a statement to the Discussion (last para., pg. 5-6) that should address these questions.

As requested in your pre-acceptance letter, references have been placed in square brackets and the title revised to fit journal requirements. Regarding your request to add ?a brief letter? to the title, we instead added ?brief report? after considering the overall article format and length.
I assume the main revisions were outlined in your recent letter; however, if additional revisions were suggested in your referee?s PDF files (not included as an attachment), we will be happy to comply.
Thanks again.
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