Author's response to reviews

Title: HIV/AIDS knowledge in detention in Hunan province, China

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Dear editors,

On behalf of my coauthors I send you enclosed a revised manuscript entitled “HIV/AIDS knowledge in detention in Hunan province, China” that we want to submit for publication as a research article in BMC Public Health.

The article under number MS: 1269255328278881, we revised it and want to send it again.

Response to the reviewers and description of the changes made please see the following text.

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We hope you find our manuscript suitable for publication in your journal.

With kind regards,

Weidong Zhang
Description of the changes made

Response to the Reviewer: Sten Vermund

1. Q: Thorough English copyediting is needed.
   A: We have asked Mr. Patrick Flaherty from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, USA for the language editing. Please see the revised version of the manuscript.

2. Q: I do not believe that the authors intend to use Lv instead of Lu in the name of Fan Lu of the China CDC (corresponding author). I am quite confident that that the Lu is correct as I know Dr. Lu personally and that there is always a vowel in a Chinese surname.
   A: Actually, right form for Prof. Lv’s surname is Lv in Chinese alphabet, he did use Lu and Lv sometimes, please see the article cited in PubMed.

3. Q: Table 2: rather than “Total” at the bottom, I suggest saying “Total answering all nine questions correctly.” Otherwise it is not evident what is meant by “Total.”
   A: we have changed “Total” to “Total answering all nine questions correctly.”

4. Q: Table 2: Since there are no missing data, the N=956 should be placed at the top and the first column deleted.
   A: N=956 has placed at the top.

5. Q: Table 3: This can be made more efficient by merging the 3 columns “after a while” and “after leaving detention”, and “others.” Also, the Yes-No could be simplified by just giving the “yes” as that also tells us the no group by inference.
   A: Changes have been made, 3 columns “after a while” and “after leaving detention”, and “others” have been merged to “later in other time.” We gave only Yes to Yes-No questions that the “yes” as that also tells readers the no group by inference.