Author’s response to reviews

Title: Knowledge and risk behaviors related to HIV/AIDS, and their association with information resource among Men who have sex with men in Heilongjiang province, China

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Response to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript entitled “Knowledge and risk behaviors related to HIV/AIDS, and their association with information resource among Men who have sex with men in Heilongjiang province, China.”

We are sincerely grateful to the Editor and the reviewers for our critical and helpful corrections, as well as helpful comments. We revised our manuscript according to the reviewer’s suggestions and comments as described in point-by-point reply and marked them in red on the responding letter.
Response to the reviewer (Chris Archibald)

1. The information in the tables is presented in an improved manner, but the manuscript still needs to be edited by someone with greater fluency in English (not necessarily a native English speaker). For example, the first sentence of the Conclusion of the Abstract is hard to understand.
   Answer: the manuscript has been reedited by a native English speaker.

2. In addition, the organization of the paper could still be improved. For example, the authors could present their results in abstract in the following logical order: HIV prevalence, sexual behaviour, knowledge level, and sources of knowledge.
   Answer: we have changed the results in abstract in the following logical order: HIV prevalence, sexual behaviour, knowledge level, and sources of knowledge.

3. For the Discussion section of the paper, the authors could summarize their results more concisely which would allow them more space to compare their results with other studies, either previous studies in Heilongjiang province or elsewhere in China.
   Answer: we have changed the conclusion.

4. The number of references cited appears low.
   Answer: we have added the references.

5. For table 1, suggest the authors put the percentage by the number, in the table so they could avoid narrating all the percentages in the text.
   Answer: we have put the percentage by the number in the table and we deleted some details in the text.

6. For table 2 (which is very busy), suggest the authors present only the “OR adjusted” values.
   Answer: we have deleted the “OR unadjusted” in the table.

7. The authors mentioned there was low prevalence (12/1353) of intravenous drug users in MSM population in the Discussion section, however this result was not presented in the Results section.
   Answer: we have deleted the sentence in the Discussion section. Because the number of IDU among MSM is small, it is not worth considering.
Response to the reviewer (George Rutherford)

1. The level of scientific English is still unsatisfactory, and the report is difficult to understand.
   Answer: the manuscript has been reedited by a native English speaker.