Author's response to reviews

Title: Determinants of hospitalization for a cutaneous injection-related infection among individuals who inject drugs: a cohort study

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Dear Drs. Zauner and Patel,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 2 June 2010. We are thrilled that our manuscript has been editorially accepted for publication in *BMC Public Health*. We found the final revisions to be helpful and our manuscript is improved as a result. We have completed all major and minor formatting changes outlined.

A revised version of the manuscript has been prepared, and the details of all revisions are presented below. Each response is numbered according to the comment it is meant to address.

We hope you find these changes acceptable. If there is any other information you require, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you again for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Revisions in response to formatting changes

MAJOR REVISIONS:

1. Affiliations have been revised to include complete addresses.
2. References have been revised to be in numerical order.
3. Table 2 did not fit on one page so has been continued on the following page.

MINOR REVISIONS:

1. Title has been revised so that only the first word is capitalized. We have also changed the title slightly to “Determinants of hospitalization for a cutaneous injection-related infection among individuals who inject drugs: a cohort study” from “Determinants of hospitalization for cutaneous injection-related infections among injection drug users: a cohort study”.
2. Email addresses of all authors have been added to the title page.
3. A complete list of authors has been added to references. All et al. have been replaced by authors.
4. Several minor formatting changes have been made.
   a. To be consistent, we have changed “CIRI or related infectious complications” to “a CIRI or related infectious complication” throughout the manuscript.
   b. In addition, we have also revised the date in the abstract to be consistent with how it is written in the manuscript (1 January 2004 until 31 January 2008).
   c. We have deleted a space (C$610) on page 3.
   d. On page 10, we have italicized the letter p on page 10 ($p = 0.001$).
   e. We have changed the word “much” to “significantly” in the conclusion on page 16.