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Dear editor,

Thank you for your review of the above referenced manuscript. We are submitting a revised version for your consideration. This revised version takes addressed your suggestions for changes as follows:

(1) Provide, within your manuscript, a power calculation used to determine the sample size of your study.

We added wording in the revised version that explains why fixed power calculations in this progressively larger survey are not relevant/meaningful (see page 15). The help the reader appreciate this notion, we also added a more clear description of the cyclical (annual) and generic nature of this program (bottom of page 6 and top of page 7).

(2) Place your Authors Contributions and Acknowledgements sections before the reference list.

Done.

(3) Include a 'Competing interests' section between the Conclusions and Authors' contributions. If there are none to declare, please write 'The authors declare that they have no competing interests'.

Done (page 19).
(4) Ensure to remove the additional files of your ethics and funding proofs from your revised manuscript so these are not publicly displayed when the manuscript has been accepted in the journal.

Done.

In addition, we have updated the recruitment number for the year that we are about to complete (page 15).

We hope that you consider this revised version worthy of publication in BMC Public Health. Please, let us know if you have any questions or additional concerns.

Thanks for your consideration,

Javier Nieto (on behalf of the SHOW writing group)