Author's response to reviews

Title: Health care seeking behavior for diarrhea in children under 5 in rural Niger: results of a cross-sectional survey

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Dear Dr. Kruk,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript, “Health care seeking behavior for diarrhea in children under 5 in rural Niger: results of a cross-sectional survey.”

We are grateful to the editors and reviewers for their insightful comments, all of which have been carefully considered and incorporated in the newly revised version that we are enclosing.

Please also find a point-by-point response to each of the editors’ and reviewers’ comments.

We thank you for the consideration of our work and look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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Associate Editors’ Comments

"....... the Discussion section needs to be better organized and to reduce emphasis on reasons for the increase in coverage as this is not the aim of the paper and the data presented in the paper does not permit causal inference. Rather the focus should be the descriptive findings, including the source of care, etc. along with how these support/refute or contribute new information to the literature."

Response: We have revised and shortened the discussion to focus on the descriptive findings of this survey. We hope that it is clearer and better organized.

Reviewer’s report:

Minor discretionary revisions
In paragraph 2 of the background the section beginning 'severity signs...diarrhoea with severe dehydration is the only severe condition which does not automatically lead to referral. In the absence of other severity signs..' is a bit confusing and could be re-written to make it more clear.

Response: We have rewritten paragraph two of the background section.

Discretionary revisions
I still feel that the discussion could be improved to really highlight the main messages of the paper

Response: We have substantially revised the discussion.