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Point-by-point Response to Reviewers Comments

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1. We accept and we try to reorganize the manuscript according to the journal’s guide
2. we accept and we have arrange the paragraph and fragmented sentences
3. we accept and we use the proper reference writing style
4. we accept and we try to edit the Grammar errors by language experts
5. we accept and we remove unnecessary details from the manuscript
6. we accept and we have include the affiliation of the third author
7. we correct it

Methods
1. four days is only for the actual data collection

2. the ratio of 1:5 is due to that, department from health science grater in number than departments of health science that is why department from non-health science are exceeded in number, to solve this problem we use proportional allocation to size(number) of departments and the number of students in each batch were different for these also we use proportional allocation to number(size) of students in each batch.

3. Avoiding staff helps to control quality of the data since the questioners have sensitive questions like have start sex so if staffs like instructors present during the data collection the students may not fill the right answer.

4. it is current VCT service utilization within the past 12 months to control recall bias

Results

1. Since the previous knowledge and information of the students helps for the current knowledge and information of the student’s residence is also an important variable even though the variable is insignificant in the analysis.

2. VCT non users means students who didn’t uptake VCT or who didn’t test

Discussions, Conclusion and recommendation

We accept all comments under this section and we try to modify them