Author's response to reviews

Title: Mortality among British Columbians testing for hepatitis C antibody

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Re: Manuscript 1555644894750972; HCV mortality

The authors wish to thank the reviewers for their comments on our re-submitted manuscript entitled “Mortality among British Columbians testing for hepatitis C antibody”. Their comments have been addressed as follows:

Referee 1:
The typographical error on page 10, HR for SERO vs. REAC, now agrees with Table 4.

Referee 2:
1. Table 1 footnote has been expanded to state that the analyses were conducted on the 370,137 individuals after applying the 12 month lag.
2. We have revised the discussion on limitations to reflect that the death register may not be reliable for cause of death since only 7.1% of deaths in British Columbia had an autopsy.

The revisions have been highlighted in yellow. We have also added a statement to the discussion on page 14 which is also highlighted in yellow.

We look forward to your decision on publication of the revised manuscript.

Mel Krajden