Author’s response to reviews

Title: HIV and Hepatitis C virus Test Uptake at Methadone Clinics in Southern China: Opportunities for Expanding Detection of Bloodborne Infections

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Re: HIV and Hepatitis C virus Test Uptake at Methadone Clinics in Southern China: Missed Opportunities for Expanding Case Detection of Bloodborne Infections (BMC Public Health: 5918169159207267)

Dear Vargas,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in BMC Public Health. I am pleased that the paper was found to be of interest to BMC Public Health and that you have requested a revised version. We are submitting a revised manuscript for your consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information.

Sincerely,
Li Ling
Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Eric Nehl

Reviewer's report:
Please review and edit the writing throughout the paper.

Response:
We edit the writing throughout the paper.

First, in the revised manuscript, there are two substantive points that we have clarified:

1) Opportunity or missed opportunity. The text and title in last version were not consistent. We call 70%-80% uptake not that bad, so we revised to opportunity and deleted the "missed" in the title, i.e., original title was revised as “HIV and Hepatitis C virus Test Uptake at Methadone Clinics in Southern China: Opportunities for Expanding Detection of Bloodborne Infections”. We have also revised the second paragraph in the discussion section which discussed that methadone clinics can provide a successful model for scaling up HIV/HCV prevention and control programs.

2) Counseling. There is no data on counseling and yet it comes up the discussion and recommendations. All of these recommendations are inferred from the number of healthcare personnel. So we have revised based on the data we present.

Second, in acknowledgments, we added a funding which was missed “1D43TW009532-01”.

Other edits was style/clarification.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being Published
Response:
The language was carefully corrected throughout the paper, including abstract and tables, by author Joseph Tucker who is native-English speaker.

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests