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RESPONSES TO EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Dear Editor:

We are pleased to resubmit for publication the revised version of MS: 4761922921262398 “Pharmacy refill adherence outperforms self-reported methods in predicting HIV therapy outcome in resource-limited settings”. We would like to thank the editor for the constructive review and helpful comments on this manuscript. We have addressed each concern as outlined below, and highlighted the changes in the manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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Editor's Comments:

"A. Please clearly state the limitations of the study in the discussion section

B. A number of grammatical issues shall be corrected. Some of them include:

1. HIV drug resistant epidemics: please change ?epidemics to ?epidemic?.
2. Please change CD4 T cell or T-cells to CD4 T cell lymphocytes. Please use consistent term throughout the text.
3. Cut offs: shall be changed into cut-off points
4. Multivariate LR models fitted?.shall be revised as multivariate logistic regression was ?.
5. Univariate analysis was fit?.shall be replaced by University analysis was done?.
6. Cox regression was done to adjust confounding like?.?like? shall be replaced by ?such as?"

Additional Editorial Request;

1.) Copyediting

RESPONSE: We followed the advice of the Editor with regard to the recommended changes in the document, a summary of which can be found below

We stated the following limitation of the study in the last paragraph of discussion

The study findings are limited by a small sample size obtained by convenient sampling of individuals who were initiating or continuing ART within the three months period of recruitment at the study site.

Page 3 line 49 changed epidemics to epidemic.
Page 3 line 56 changed fit to done.

Page 3 line 69 changed “Multivariate LR models fitted with boost stepwise” to “Multivariate logistic regression with boost stepwise”.

At page 4 line 74, page 5 line 95, page 7 line 162, page 8 line 178, 179 and 180, page 11 line 251 and 253, page 12 line 275, page 13 line 317 and 318, page 14 line 319, 326 and 332, page 15 line 367, page 16 line 373 and 380, page 17 line 403, in Table 2, Table 3, page 30 line 736 and 737 all occurrences of “CD4 T cell count” changed to “CD4 T lymphocyte count”.

Page 7 line 161 changed monthly to per month.

Page 7 line 163 every six months changed to once every six months.

Page 8 line 172 changed outcomes to outcome.

Page 10 line 228 changed fit to done.

Page 11 line 252 changed used to done.

Page 11 line 253 changed like to such as.

Page 14 line 324 changed > 95 % to of > 95 %.

Page 14 line 343 and page 15 line 366, page 17 line 402 changed < 95 % to of < 95 %.

Page 16 line 387 changed were to are.

Page 19 line 443 changed Further to Furthermore.