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Minor essential revision

There is one final point that the authors need to address. On pages 6 and 7 they make the point that although there is likely to be a strong relationship between good health governance and corruption the nature of this relationship needs further exploration. They then start the second paragraph on page 7 by saying that where good governance is absent there is greater vulnerability to corruption and give a series of examples where corruption has occurred and conclude that these examples show the lack of good governance. These are clearly examples of corruption but where is the evidence of the lack of good governance? Doesn’t the conclusion that there is a direct relationship between good governance and corruption contradict what the authors said earlier on pages 6 and 7 about the need for more exploration of the relationship.

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