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Dear Editors,

Thank you for your invitation to review this manuscript. We appreciate very much the constructive comments by the two reviewers. We are pleased that Reviewer Leana Uys has recommended acceptance without revision. The minor comments made by Reviewer Anneke van den Hoek are addressed as follows:

1. The sex worker programmes refer or take the sex workers to local medical practitioners with whom they have made arrangements. Investigations are usually not done in the settings studied. Diagnosis and treatment are usually based on symptoms and signs. This is now mentioned in the revised manuscript on page 8 (lines 1-2).

2. The managers for the 15 programmes studied estimated that there were a total of 42900 female sex workers in the areas covered by these programmes, which is now mentioned on page 10 (first paragraph, second sentence).

3. The average time spent by the programme staff with a sex worker for each of the different types of contact was estimated based on information given by programme staff. This is now mentioned on page 7 (lines 1-3).

4. We examined carefully the analyses mentioned on page 12, and could not find any analysis for which data are not shown in the tables.

We thank BMC Public Health for considering our manuscript. I would be pleased to respond if any further information were needed regarding this manuscript.

Kind regards,
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