Dear editor,

Please find enclosed the final revision of our manuscript entitled “Using Intervention Mapping to develop a programme to prevent sexually transmittable infections and HIV among heterosexual migrant men.” by Mireille E.G.Wolfers et al. (MS: 2034236425111032).

After consulting Ms Annabel Phillips on the matter of ethical approval, we have documented within the methods section that our institutional ethics committee stated that this study did not require ethical approval. We have added the following sentence (page 5, first alinea): The Medical Ethical Review Board of Erasmus MC did not require formal approval for the study because this study is not subject to the Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act (WMO). Also we have added the phrase: The men could participate anonymously (page 5, first alinea). We have also changed the format of the abstract in the desired format.

We much appreciate the reviewer’s comments of our earlier review. We now have addressed the final comments of the reviewer:

a) The whole paper should be checked for correct English grammar, paying particular attention to the use of plurals and plural possessive pronouns.

The English is revised, also the section starting at the bottom of page 4 (Intervention Mapping step 1: needs assessment) is restructured into three paragraphs, but its content has not changed.

b) The first reference to ‘behavioural determinant theory’ (p.3) should clarify that this is a term for a group of theories (plural).

We have changed this.

c) On p.11 the authors should reconsider second use of ‘safe sex’ rather than ‘unsafe sex’. I understand that the young men made statements about safe sex. However, the second reference to ‘safe sex’ refers to negative consequences of UNsafe sex. It seems most unlikely that an STI or unwanted pregnancy occurs as a consequence of safe sex.

The reviewer is right, this was a mistake which was overlooked by us in the earlier manuscripts, we have changed it now in UNSAFE sex (page 12, line 3)

We sincerely hope you will now find the manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Public Health, and we look forward to hearing your final decision.
Yours sincerely,

Mireille Wolfers