

**Author's response to reviews**

**Title:** Evaluations of Health professionals care students' in response to Voluntary Counseling and Testing services in Kilimanjaro region, Tanzania

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Comments included in the revised MS:

**Major Compulsory:**

i. In the title the word medical students as been changed to health professions students.

ii. The year which survey was conducted has been stated clearly in the MS.

iii. The gender or sex ratio has been made clearly in the main text to show the ration of male and female stated in the abstract.

iv. In abstract section, the report if studies done in Zambia and Uganda have been shifted to the discussion part.

v. In sampling section, the statement purposive sampling has been replaced with “we only aimed to recruit students within the ages 18 to 25 years”

vi. In data management section more details have been given to meet the demand of explanation of the reported results.

vii. The issues of ethical considerations have been explained well.

viii. In results the issue of sex ratio has been handled properly.

ix. The age range of the participant was stated clearly and it has been elaborated in the manner that not necessarily that, a medical student in a college should be in the age of 18 to 25 years.

**Minor Comments**

i. The reference list has been updated.

ii. References have been formatted according to journal needs.

iii. Tables and figures have been reduced.

iv. KCMC (Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre) and KIWAKUKI (Kikundi cha...
wanawake cha Kupambana na Ukimwi Kilimanjaro) have been written in capital letters because they are abbreviations of organisations in Kilimanjaro region.