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The Editor  
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Dear Editor  

Multilevel analysis of HIV related risk behaviours among injecting drug users in a low prevalence community  

I refer to our re-submission of the above manuscript to BMC Public Health. In accordance with the additional comments of the reviewers, we have revised the article. We have asked the English-speaking co-author in our team to go over again to make the final editing. Our responses to the respective reviewers’ reports are explained on the following pages.  

On behalf of all authors, I confirm again that the revised manuscript has not been published elsewhere, and is not currently under the consideration of any other publication.  

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the reviewers for the useful comments.  

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.  

Yours sincerely  

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RESPONSES TO REVIEWERS’ COMMENTS

Reviewer One

1. Major compulsory revisions
   We have avoided drawing specific conclusion on the observation about large clinic size at this stage, knowing very well that evidence from our study is not sufficient.

2. Minor essential revisions
   The full spelling of CI, OR and AOR are now given when they appear the first time in the text.

   For ‘age’ used in tables 2 and 3, the reviewer’s comment is well taken. Age was a continuous variable, and we found that the use of specific age provided more useful comparison. We have therefore chosen to keep the specific age unchanged instead of shifting to age range. This is explained in better details in last paragraph under “Methods”.

Reviewer Two

The suggested change of “clinic area” to neighborhood has been made in eth revised manuscript.

The manuscript has been edited to improve the English.