Author's response to reviews

Title: Estimating the regional distribution of men who have sex with men (MSM) based on Internet surveys and calculation of MSM population-specific incidence of sexually transmitted infections

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Dear editors,

we have made the following changes in the manuscript “Estimating the regional distribution of men who have sex with men (MSM) based on Internet surveys” as requested:

# we renamed the “Background and Objectives” section as “Background”
# we state our conclusions in a dedicated “Conclusions” section, apart from “Discussion”
# we stated the name of the ethical committee which approved the KABaSTI study in the Methods section (page 7). The GMA studies are part of the national HIV/AIDS response evaluation and monitoring. Due to the fact that it is a self-administered anonymous survey no approval of an ethical committee was sought.

As recommended by the reviewer Onno de Zwart we have added a sentence on page 7 in the Methods section stating that drop-outs did not have a relevant impact on regional distribution.

Sincerely

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