Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effect of a peer-educational intervention on provider knowledge and reported performance in family planning services: a cluster randomized trial

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Dear Editor,

Thank you and the reviewers a lot for the valuable comments. I am so sorry for the long delay in response to the reviewers’ valuable comments due to my personal problems. Following is response to your comments and the reviewers’ comments:

Response to your comment

I had forgotten to write about ethical approval of the study. I added it to the end of study design (page 7).

Response to the comments by Danette W Mckinley

There was no compulsory revision and one discretionary revision suggested. We decided not to do the discretionary revision.

Response to the comments by Mark A Albanese in the discretionary revisions

Discretionary Revisions: Based on comments 1 and 2, we revised the second paragraph of “Data collection instrument part”. Also, based on comment 3, table 2 was changed to Annex and order of the tables was changed.

Response to the comments by Mark A Albanese in the compulsory revisions

1. SD of means in the previous table 3 (current table 2) were added and some revisions were done on format of the table. Reliability of the instrument was reported in the method section in page 8: “Reliability was identified by Cronbach’s alpha separately for different parts showing more than 0.7 in each part.”

2. A paragraph explaining the participants’ motivation was added to the end of “Study design”.

3. A paragraph explaining possible effect of environmental factors on the result of this study was added to the discussion.

4. As the allocation unit in the intervention or control unit was “facility” (cluster random allocation), design effect mentioned in the calculation of sample size is design effect due to cluster random allocation (was explained in page 13).

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