Author's response to reviews

Title: Preferences for working in rural clinics among trainee health professionals in Uganda: a discrete choice experiment

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Dear Dr. Ridde,

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 2012 requesting a second revision and resubmission of our paper, “Preferences for working in rural clinics among trainee health professionals in Uganda: a discrete choice experiment.” On behalf of my co-authors, I am resubmitting the revised paper, with highlighted edits. In this cover letter, I address the comments of the reviewers. Please let me know if you have further questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Peter Rockers
**Reviewer:** ALEKSANDRA TORBICA

**Reviewer's report:**

The authors have adequately addressed almost all the issues raised in my first review and accepted suggestions put forward. The revised manuscript significantly improved in its clarity and completeness.

There is only one issue that I feel was left partially answered and further input would be welcomed. It refers to the literature on DCE in developing countries. While the authors briefly mention the issue in their Conclusions, they don't really explain what DCE has considered to have some additional limitations when conducted in developing vis-a-vis developed countries. I think the readers would be interested in reading this part both in the introduction as well as among study limitations. Also, it could be an occasion for the authors to explain how they addressed in their own study some of these challenges.

*Response: we appreciate this suggestion. We’ve added a paragraph to the Background section that addresses the challenges of conducting a DCE in a developing country such as Uganda. Further, we’ve added to the limitations paragraph to clarify how we addressed related challenges particular to Uganda.*