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Dear Editorial Team,
BMC Health Services Research,

We are delighted to resubmit our manuscript entitled “Strengths and Constraints of HIV Health Service Delivery in Vietnam from the Viewpoint of the Continuum of Prevention and Care”.

We thank the reviewers for the helpful comments. We have responded to the issues raised by the reviewers as stated below.

We sincerely hope the findings of our research will be maximized by academia as well as non-academia particularly program managers and implementers through the open-access feature of the BMC Health Services Research.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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<td>Authors revised the major changes.</td>
<td>Thank you very much for recognizing our efforts to respond to your previous comments that were extremely helpful and useful to improve the quality of our manuscript.</td>
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<td>1. The authors have failed to limit the amount of text and tables.</td>
<td>Thank you for your comment. We have further reduced the amount of text. As a result, the amount of text is now 20% less than that in the original draft. We also deleted a Box and the current draft contains only one Box in addition to two Tables, and three Figures.</td>
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<td>2. The headings have been aligned properly this time.</td>
<td>Thank you very much for recognizing our efforts to align the headings.</td>
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<td>3. No major revisions are evident in the current review.</td>
<td>Thank you very much for your comment. Your comments for the previous and current drafts have been very helpful to improve the manuscript.</td>
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<td>4. This article is not clear about its scope.</td>
<td>Thank you for the important feedback. In order to clarify the scope of our manuscript, we revised the objective statement to the following: “This study aimed to assess HIV service delivery in Vietnam by identifying system related strengths and constraints that are common to multiple elements of HIV health services using the lens of the COPC. Specifically, we aimed to assess service availability including geographical distribution and decentralization and service connectedness across multiple services and dimensions (Please see the last paragraph on Page 6). We also modified Methods to better align with the study objectives. The Methods now consists of “Definition of COPC”, “Analytical Framework” and “Literature Search and Review” (Please see from Page 7 to 9). The Abstract has been revised accordingly.</td>
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