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Dear Editor,
BMC Health Services Research,

We are delighted to resubmit our revised manuscript entitled “A new analytical framework of 'continuum of prevention and care' to maximize HIV case detection and retention in care in Vietnam”.

We thank the Associate Editor for the helpful comments. We have responded to the issues raised by the editor in our response sheet 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.

Yours sincerely,

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**Responses to the Associate Editor's comments**

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| 1. Scope of the article to be made more explicit. | Thank you so much for the helpful comment. 
To make the scope of the article more explicit, we have further elaborated the title, background and objective of this study by highlighting the need to improve HIV case detection and retention in care.

The title of the article has been modified to “A new analytical framework of 'continuum of prevention and care' to maximize HIV case detection and retention in care in Vietnam”.|
Improved HIV case detection and retention in care is a key expected outcome of HIV service delivery in line with the Treatment 2.0 framework.

According to the modified objective, we have articulated interpretations of the study findings as follows.

In Table 2, we have specified possible contribution of strength and constraint of HIV service delivery to HIV case detection and/or retention in care.

In the Discussion, we have also elaborated interpretations of the study findings from the viewpoint of HIV case detection and retention in care. They include:
- 1st sentence, paragraph 1 on page 16;
- Last sentence, last paragraph on page 16;
- Last sentence, last paragraph on page 17;
- 1st sentence, paragraph 2 on page 18;
- Last sentence, last paragraph on page 18;
- Last sentence, 1st paragraph under “5) Linkages across different levels of health services” on page 19;
- Last sentence, paragraph 1 on page 20; and
- 1st sentence under “Utility of the COPC framework” on page 20.

Furthermore, Conclusion and Abstract have been modified to reflect these above mentioned modifications.

2. Number of tables and figures to be reduced.

We appreciate the comment.

Figure 3 has been deleted. Two figures in the Box have been removed. The revised article has two tables, two figures and one box which does not contain any figure or table.