Author's response to reviews

Title: Assessment of Providers' Referral Decisions in Rural Burkina Faso: A Retrospective Analysis of Medical Registry Records

Authors:

Tegawende Pierre Ilboudo (pierreilboudo2000@yahoo.fr)
Yiing-Jenq Chou (yjchou@ym.edu.tw)
Nicole Huang (syhuang@ym.edu.tw)

Version: 4 Date: 10 February 2012

Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editor:

We really appreciate the opportunity of revision. We have taken all the comments into consideration and addressed each comment, one by one, carefully while we revised the manuscript.

All authors have participated in the conception and design, or acquisition of data, or data analyses and interpretation, or drafting the article, or revising it critically for important intellectual content. We have seen and approved the final version. We believe that the manuscript represents an honest work. We also declare that we have no conflicts of interest in connection with this paper.

I, as the corresponding author, take full responsibility for the contents of the paper. I had full access to all the data in the study and take responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis.

Sincerely,
Nicole Huang, PhD
Institute of Hospital and Health Care Administration
National Yang Ming University
Responses to Editor:

1. As advised, we included the full affiliation in the title page and removed the keywords. We also checked the information contained in the title page and its consistency with the submission system. Please see page 1.

2. As advised, we added a “Competing interest” section after the Conclusion. We have none to declare after checking the full list of questions regarding competing interests on the journal website. The Competing interest is written as “The authors declare that they have no competing interests.” Please see page 15.

3. As advised, we added the “Authors’ Contributions” section after Competing Interests according to the instructions for authors on the journal website. The Authors’ contributions read as, “TPI conceived of the study, carried out the data collection and analyses, and draft the manuscript. YJC participated in the design of the study, performed the data analyses, and assisted in data interpretation and the drafting of the manuscript. NH supervised the study, coordinated analyses, performed data analyses, and helped the drafting of the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.” Please see page 15.

Responses to Reviewer 1:
We really appreciate your time and efforts in reviewing our manuscript.

Responses to Reviewer 2:
We really appreciate your time and efforts in reviewing our manuscript.