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Dear Victorino,

Thank you for the opportunity to re-submit this paper and have it now forwarded to BMC International Health and Human Rights.

In order to address the issue you raised of health related context we have done the following: we have been more explicit about the health risks associated with these practices in the findings and then in the discussion we have detailed the need for a harm reduction approach to these penile practices in order to stem any adverse consequences of these practices including HIV transmission but also erectile dysfunction etc.

We hope that the changes satisfy you and the other editors. Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Kind regards,

Angela Kelly