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The authors wish to thank the reviewers and the editor for their supportive comments. In response we have added into the discussion some specific information regarding appropriate foods that could be used by the prison authorities to improve the prison diet (lines 274-280).

Reviewer 2 asked what fruit and vegetables were being supplied sporadically. We were told that banana and coconuts were sometimes gathered from the prison grounds but we have no idea how often, how much was given and whether all or just some prisoners received the food. Given that this information was anecdotal with no corroborating evidence we are reluctant to expand on this. Also, we were not advised of any cost allocation for prison rations and are thus unable to provide this information. We note that the reviewer considered revisions to be discretionary and hope that our response provides a sufficient explanation.

We have corrected grammatical revisions.