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Dr. Dal Poz and the Editorial Team at Human Resources for Health,

We would like to express our gratitude to you and the reviewers for their insightful comments and advice. Here, we address the comment from one reviewer and our response after the comment.

We have done our best to comply with the reviewer’s suggestion, and hope that our response is satisfactory.

Our reply to Dr. Ide’s comment

1. Although the authors organized the manuscript, it is still hard to follow what the authors mean, especially in the Discussion section. I recommend the manuscript should be edited before publication.

We made revisions to the Result section and the Discussion section. Now the connections between nearby paragraphs are very tight, so we believe readers can follow easily the story of our manuscript.