Author's response to reviews

Title: Mortality following the Haitian earthquake of 2010: A Stratified Cluster Survey

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Dear Editorial Team,

We have addressed the recommended revisions provided by the reviewer. The following three discretionary revisions were recommended:

1. How were combined households (those that previously were two separate households and now due to building destruction are living together) counted? Was one household chosen for the survey? Was information about both households collected? Was this not an issue? This has been clarified in the methods section.

2. In several places in the paper (notably results) the authors refer to a p-value of 0.08 as being of “marginal statistical significance.” Caution should be used when using such language. No revisions were made as a result of this comment because the authors could not come up with a better way to present data and felt that 'marginal statistical significance' allowed readers to interpret the findings at their own discretion.

3. For clarity, consider changing “location” to something along the lines of post-earthquake housing/dwelling. We have conducted a word search for 'location' and added clarifying language in several locations to address this request.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch if additional revisions are required. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Shannon Doocy