Author's response to reviews

Title: Evaluation of a Reproductive Health Awareness Program for Adolescence in Urban Tanzania - A Quasi-experimental Pre-test Post-test Research -

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Dear Editors-in-Chief of Reproductive Health,

Thank you for forwarding the valuable comments and advice from the reviewers. We have revised the manuscript on the basis of the comments. In the manuscript, where we have added is highlighted in yellow and where we deleted is crossed out with a line. Specific response to reviewers is provided below.

Please consider our revised manuscript for publication. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Dear Reviewer 1 (Prof. Fernanda G C Surita),

Thank you for your consideration. We revised our manuscript according to your comments. Below is our response to your comments.

1. Comment about the material used:
We added more detail about the Maggie apron (http://joicfp.or.jp/eng/audio_visual/maggie.shtml) in the “Program contents”section (p.10).

2. Comment about the selected settings:
As in your comment, although the settings were randomly selected, there were only three schools. Therefore, we revised the description in the “Settings”section (p.9).

3. Comment about the description after reference [25]:
As in your comment, the description you pointed out seemed to be peculiar. Therefore, we deleted the sentence as you suggested (p.9).

4. Comment about the sample size:
We described in detail about the way we calculated the sample size in the “Sample size”section (p.10).
Dear Reviewer 2 (Prof. Annabel Erulkar),

Thank you for your consideration. We revised our manuscript according to your comments. Below is our response to your comments.

1. Comment about making the manuscript a research note:
We deleted all the figures and one table and made the manuscript much more concise; however, we still would like to get our manuscript published as an original research paper.

Our research is the first reproductive health awareness program for adolescents in Tanzania which was conducted for both girls and boys. A program for boys is very important when thinking about reproductive health. We believe the program has broad utility and high practicality, so it can provide a reference for other geographical areas. In addition, we are planning to carry out research for adolescent girls and boys who live in rural areas in the future, therefore, we strongly would like to present this research as a baseline survey and as an original research paper in a publication.