Author’s response to reviews

Title: Mobile phone text message and call interventions to improve attendance of medical appointment of HIV-exposed or -infected children: study protocol for randomized controlled trial

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Dears Reviewer and Editor,

Thank for all the comments that will improve the quality of the manuscript. All of these comments have been taken into consideration and changes done are follows:

1. We have done substantial improvement of written English and styles.

2. **Reviewer’s comment**: Please clarify sentence 1 in the background section: Which area does the number of 330,000 infected children refer to (the World? whole Africa?)?

   **Author’s response**: To be briefly in Background, this sentence was removed.

3. **Reviewer’s comment**: Please write the full term before introducing abbreviations the first time.

   **Author’s response**: All term abbreviated were entirely written when there were introduced firstly.

4. **Reviewer’s comment**: Last sentence of second para in Method and Design is redundant and should be deleted (1:1:1:1 ratio...).

   **Author’s response**: this sentence was removed.

5. **Reviewer’s comment**: Please clarify how costs will be assessed in your study. "using a prepaid plan" is not clear to me. Do you attempt to measure working time + expenses for phone call / SMS +/- doctors time "wasted for no-shows"?

   **Author’s response**: The prepaid plan means that the phone will have a financial amount of communication known before the call. After call, the difference will be made with the remaining amounts.

6. **Reviewer’s comment**: Discussion: Please clarify what advantage the manual SMS method has if compared to automatic SMS.

   **Author’s response**: We are completely revised the Discussion section.
7. **Reviewer’s comment**: Please include "Trial Status" in your manuscript detailing the status of your trial at time of submission

**Author’s response**: The recruitment is ongoing.

8. **Editor’s recommendation**: Change of title to comply with the guidelines of *Trial*

**Author’s response**: Mobile phone text message and call interventions to improve attendance of medical appointment of HIV –exposed or –infected children: study protocol for randomized controlled trial.

9. **Other adds**

   - Primary outcomes: adding and well defining of the method of measuring the **effectiveness** and **efficiency**.
   - All sentences marked with yellow color are information added to ameliorate the quality of manuscript.

We expect that the corrections added ameliorate the quality of manuscript and increase the level of interest.

Best regards.