Author’s response to reviews

Title: ESTIMATING THE DIRECT COSTS OF ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE: EVIDENCE FROM A TEACHING HOSPITAL IN BRAZIL, A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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Dear Reviewer Andre Lamy

We are revised the manuscript entitled “Estimating the direct costs of ischemic heart disease: evidence from a teaching hospital in Brazil, a retrospective cohort study” which we are submitting again to consideration for publication (BCAR-D-17-00247).

We thank you for your comments. They will improve our manuscript. We reviewed the manuscript and responded point by point to each comment. We present below the answers to your comments.

1) Line 94: should read "We used a bottom up…". We have corrected the manuscript, line 94, page 4.

2) Line 95: I believe this should read "microcosting methodology for estimating direct costs during more than…" We have corrected the manuscript, line 95, page 4.

3) Line 126: I think the word "prescribed" would be better suited than "requested". I leave that to the authors' discretion. We have corrected the manuscript, line 126, page 6.

4) Line 126-128: I believe the sentence should read "the drugs included in the study were the ones prescribed by the cardiologists who tended to the patients while the study was ongoing as well as hypoglycemic drugs". We have corrected the manuscript, line 126-128, page 6.

5) Line 205: should read "and constitute the study population" or alternatively "and constitute this study's population". We have corrected the manuscript, line 205, page 9.
6) Line 307: should read "using the IPCA index, it should be equivalent to…?" We have corrected the manuscript, line 307, page 13.

7) Line 308: should read "However, the reimbursement system…" We have corrected the manuscript, line 308, page 13.

8) Line 317: when the authors mention 'high prevalence of drugs', did they mean a high rate of adherence? Yes, the authors assessed how many patients were using the prescribed medication to treat chronic noncommunicable diseases. We changed the term in the manuscript, Line 317, page 13.

9) Line 383: should read "Considering the 2012 demographic census for the population over 18 years is....." We have corrected the manuscript, line 383, page 16.

10) Line 463: "Who" should be "WHO". We have corrected the manuscript, line 463, page 19.

11) Figure 1: add "(US $) . We have corrected the figure.

12) Figure 1: considering renaming y-axis to "total yearly median cost to SUS" or something similar. We have corrected the y-axis.

We look forward to hear from you in a near future. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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