Author’s response to reviews

Title: Evaluation of tuberculosis infection control measures implemented at primary health care facilities in Kwazulu-Natal province of South Africa

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Dear Editor

Language editing was performed. The following was done:

1. Background: The flow has been improved by joining the third paragraph about resistance with the fourth paragraph as follows: "... preventing the spread of resistant tuberculosis and treating tuberculosis adequately [2-5]. Yet high rates of resistant tuberculosis have been notified for the Western Cape, Eastern Cape as well as KwaZulu-Natal provinces. Moreover, there is evidence that resistant tuberculosis in South Africa is spread mostly by the transmission of MDR strains [6-10]. It is noted that, conceptually, several individual characteristics of healthcare workers, institutional and managerial systems in place as well as the regulatory frameworks affect the implementation of infection control measures [11-12]."

2. Methods: The sentences containing "MODEST CAPACITY" was replaced as follows: "The hospitals were district hospital with beds capacities ranging from 160 to 500 beds; while clinics were all day facilities providing primary healthcare services."

3. Data analysis: This first sentence was re-worded as follows: "A simple scoring system was used: the assessment was made on the basis whether the systems, documents or committees were present or absent; or whether the specific control measures were implemented or not"

4. Discussion:
   4.1. The first sentence was changed to "Overall, this study shows that less than 50% of requirements for tuberculosis infection control"
   4.2. The following words were removed "IN ADDITION HEALTH FACILITIES FROM FACILITIES FROM WHICH..."
   4.3. The following was removed "ITS DISCONCERTING...." was replaced as follows: 'It was found that only one facility reported separating patients suspected of tuberculosis from the others.'
   4.4. This was removed" IN CONTRAST.. " and replaced as follows: " 
Furthermore, even..

4.5. The following sentence "THE RESPONSE RATE IS NOT TOO LOW..." was replaced as follows: Secondly, the overall response rate of about 55% is low but acceptable because it is well established that the participation of healthcare workers in surveys is generally low.

Best regards

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