Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor and Referees,

Thanks very much for your valuable comments, we have amended the manuscript of “Protocol for a multicenter, real-world study of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis among men who have sex with men in China (CROPrEP)” (INFD-D-19-00924R1). The point to point responds to each comment are listed as following.

Best regards

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Please find the following Response to comments:

Response to the editor’s comments:

Comments 1:

- Please change the manuscript section heading "Methods" to "Methods/Design".

Response:

Thank you for your valuable advice. We have changed the manuscript section heading "Methods" to "Methods/Design".

Comments 2:

- We note that two authors have the same initials YJ. To distinguish between them in the Authors’ Contributions section please designate them as YJ1 and YJ2, with YJ1 corresponding to Yueru Jia, chosen because this name is furthest up the author list.

Response:

Thank you for your valuable advice and we have update information on "Authors' contributions" in the newly submitted manuscript as follow:

“Authors' contributions

The work presented here was carried out in collaboration among all authors. All authors read and approved the final manuscript. Conceived and designed the experiments: HW, JX, JZ, ZC, HD, and HS; performed the study: HW, JZ, YZ, YJ1 and ZM; revised the manuscript language: SIL; wrote and revised the manuscript: HW, JX, JZ, HS, WG, and YJ2. All authors reviewed the manuscript.”

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Response:

Thank you for your kindly comments and We have updated the manuscript and materials according to your comments.

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Response:

According to your comment, we have double-checked the grammar problem of this manuscript. Furthermore, we also have had the manuscript polished with a professional assistance in writing.