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Thank you for the valuable input.

1. Legal age of majority is 18 years in Zimbabwe. Consent was sought from all the participants including parental consent for the participants under 18 years of age. Written consent was sought from the participants except 17 participants from which we failed to get written consent. We submitted a protocol deviation for the failure to get written consent and rely on verbal consent from 17 participants out of a total of 409 participants enrolled in the survey. The protocol deviation was sought by the authors and was approved by the Medical Research Council of Zimbabwe on 28 August 2014. Refer to the attached letter from the IRB.

2. Consent for publication - "Not Applicable" was added to the manuscript as advised

3. The email addresses were corrected so that the authors' email addresses on the online application matches those in the manuscript.
Technical comments were also responded to. Email addresses for all the authors have been added to the manuscript. The heading "Introduction" have been changed to BACKGROUND.