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Re: Revisions to study protocol, PUBH-D-19-02071

June 17, 2019
To the Editorial Staff of BMC Public Health,

Thank you for the review of our submission, PUBH-D-19-02071: “Study protocol for a stepped-wedge randomized cookstove intervention in rural Honduras: Household air pollution and cardiometabolic health.”

As requested, we have addressed the following items (our response noted below each comment):

Assistant Editor Comments:

1. Ethics and Consent to Participate

-- Please insert a statement under 'Ethics and Consent to Participate' to specify that the IRB approved the verbal consent and also indicate how this consent was recorded.

Authors: We have added the last sentence to the identified section: “This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board at Colorado State University (#12-3870H) and all participants gave verbal consent prior to enrollment and with each subsequent study visit (Additional file). The Institutional Review Board approved the verbal consent; consent was recorded on the cover sheet of the survey.”

2. Consent for Publication

-- Thank you for clarifying 'We received consent from all study participants to use photos for these purposes. This approach was approved by our IRB'. Please insert this under 'Consent for Publication' and include the type of consent.

Authors: The following text was modified under Consent for publication: “No individual data from participants will be published in any form. For images, we obtained verbal consent for the use photos of participants and their houses (not to include any personal information); this approach was approved by the Institutional Review Board at Colorado State University.”

Best regards,

Maggie Clark