Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence and correlates of sexual intercourse among sexually active in-school adolescents: an analysis of five sub-Sahara African countries for the adolescent’s sexual health policy implications

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Letter to the Editor
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Editor-in-Chief
BMC Public Health
Dear Sir/Madam,
RE: RESUBMISSION OF THE REVISED MANUSCRIPT
Kindly refer to the heading above.
I would like to request your esteemed office to receive our revised manuscript ref. PUBH-D-19-00521R1 of the article entitled; Prevalence and Correlates of sexual intercourse among sexually active school adolescents: an analysis of five sub-Sahara African countries for the adolescent’s sexual health policy implications.
We have addressed all the comments raised by the peer reviewers. We believe that their comments have greatly improved our manuscript for possible publication in the reputable journal of BMC Public Health.
To our knowledge, this manuscript has never been submitted or under consideration to be published elsewhere.
It is my great hope that our request will be considered.
Kind regards,
Dr. Festo K. Shayo

Response to the reviewers
Melissa Sutherland (Reviewer 2)

General comments
Thank you for the revisions to your manuscript. The authors were responsive to the comments and
suggestions of this reviewer. The significance of the manuscript is clearer in the revision and the knowledge gap to be addressed stated. The authors also improved the linkages between the background section and the discussion. The manuscript would benefit from additional editing and proofing. Question-- will readers know what a customized multiple domain public health intervention is? what is meant by multiple domain? Please clarify.

Response
Thank you for your good comments, suggestions and concerns.
¬ The additional edit and proofing has been done.
¬ Multiple domain intervention means the intervention that targets several risk factors concurrently. The sentence has been rephrased for clarity. See page 3 line 5-7, page 6 line 16-17, and page 18 line 6-8.

Specific comments

In terms of editing... page 3, line 14-- "adolescent sexuality is a peculiar behavior" should be rephrased. Page 5, line 2-3-- rephrase the sentence beginning w "however". Page 17, line 14-15, sentence beginning with "first". These are just a few examples, please review paper for others. Thank you.

Response:
¬ The phrase has been rephrased for clarity. Now it reads “adolescence sexuality is a special behavior” in page 3 line 14.
¬ The sentence has been rephrased accordingly in page 6 line 1-2
¬ The sentence has been rephrased. See page 17 line 12-14

Marie-Claude Couture (Reviewer 3)

Thank you for reviewing our revised version. We have addressed your comments, concerns and suggestions in the manuscript as per your PDF attachment. Please, see the following pages for the changes made:
¬ Page 1 line 21
¬ Page 2 line 17
¬ Page 2 line 17-18
¬ Page 4 line 8-9
¬ Page 4 line 9-10
¬ Page 4 line 18-20
¬ Page 4 line 20-21
¬ Page 11 line 11
¬ Page 14 line 11-12
¬ Page 15 line 18
¬ Page 17 line 5-10
¬ Page 18 line 1-2