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Editor’s Comments:

We acknowledge the essential editorial revisions suggested, and describe the changes made below:

1. Please update your "Availability of data and materials" statement to adhere to the BioMed Central policies rather than referencing the PLOS policies.

As suggested, we have adjusted our words to represent one of the statements listed on the website. The ‘Availability of data and materials’ statement now reads:

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In accordance with BioMed Central data access policies, our ethical obligation to research is of the highest standards. Due to the highly criminalized and stigmatized nature of this population, anonymized data analyzed in this study may be made available by emailing the corresponding
author (gshi-sg@cfenet.ubc.ca) based on reasonable request, subject to our UBC/ Providence Health Ethical Review Board approvals and consistent with our funding body guidelines (NIH and CIHR).

2. Please update the ‘Consent to Publish’ statement to say ‘Not applicable’ only.

As suggested, we have adjusted this section to read ‘Not Applicable.’

3. Please also formally confirm in your point-by-point response that the manuscript is not under consideration at any other journal.

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