Author's response to reviews

Title: Integrating an infectious disease programme into the primary health care service: A retrospective analysis of Chagas disease community-based surveillance in Honduras

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Dear Editors,

I am writing to resubmit our manuscript, titled “Integrating an infectious disease programme into the primary health care service: A retrospective analysis of Chagas disease community-based surveillance in Honduras”

Based on the reviewer’s comments, we thoroughly revised the manuscript. Consequently, our analysis now focuses on feasibility rather than cost-effectiveness of integration of Chagas disease vector surveillance into PHC services.

The details are found in the section below.

Sincerely,
Ken Hashimoto

Reviewer: The paper has strongly improved. However, it still focusses too much on implementation and policy (as a consultancy paper). I miss a stronger methodology section, incl. a more detailed analysis where the data comes from.

Hashimoto: In the Methods we detailed each indicator with definitions and data collection methods for both before and after the implementation of the vector surveillance system.

Reviewer: The costing section is insufficient. we have to know much more about the cost and cost-effectiveness of this and alternative approaches..

Hashimoto: Because of multiple research questions and lack of cost-related data, we concluded the cost-effectiveness analysis as one of the weaknesses of this research and suggestions for future investigations. Instead, we analysed effects of the interventions in terms of estimated DALYs and health care cost, using an average per-patient burden from a published work (Lee et al 2013).