Author's response to reviews

Title: Impact Evaluation of a Healthy Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Health Centers in San Jose, Costa Rica and Chiapas, Mexico

Authors:

Meredith P Fort (meredith.fort@ucdenver.edu)
Sandra Murillo (medinamu@racsa.co.cr)
Erika Lopez (erikajudith2002@yahoo.com.mx)
Ana Laura Dengo (analauradengo@hotmail.com)
Nadia Alvarado-Molina (nadia.alvaradomolina@gmail.com)
Indira de Beausset (indiradeb@gmail.com)
Maricruz Castro (maricruz.castro@unicach.mx)
Liz Peña (superarleth@hotmail.com)
Manuel Ramírez-Zea (mramirez@incap.int)
Homero Martínez (homero@rand.org)

Version: 4 Date: 11 December 2015

Author's response to reviews:

Editor-in-Chief
BMC Health Services Research
BioMed Central
236 Gray’s Inn Road
London WC1X 8HB
United Kingdom
December 11, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit our manuscript titled: “Impact Evaluation of a Healthy Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Health Centers in San Jose, Costa Rica and Chiapas, Mexico” (MS: 7629884140046962). We have read through the reviewer comments on our revised version and have prepared an improved manuscript for your consideration. In this letter, we respond to the specific comments about the previous version of the manuscript.

Reviewer 1: Hector Balcazar

1) I just found a typo - line 206= char

We have corrected the typo so that it reads “chart”.

Reviewer 2: Heather M. Johnson
Minor revisions.
1) Lines 204-206- please correct the last word of this sentence. I think the authors meant "chart".

We have corrected the typo so that it reads “chart”.

2) Abstract - Results - please add SD of education sessions attended.

We have added the standard deviation of education sessions attended to the abstract and results sections of the manuscript.

3) Lines 303-304 - does "kidney problems" mean "chronic kidney disease"? If so, please replace wording or clarify.

We have changed the word “kidney problems” to “chronic kidney disease”.

Reviewer 3: Raghupathy Anchala

No changes requested.

In addition to the changes described above, we have updated contact information for the authors on the title page and have updated a publication in our list of references.

We look forward to your feedback on our revised manuscript and if you have remaining comments or questions, we would be most happy to work with you to continue to improve the manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Meredith Fort, PhD, MPH
Instructor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus
Affiliate Researcher, Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panamá, Guatemala City, Guatemala