Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effectiveness of Community-Based HIV/AIDS Service Delivery Models Used to Reach Female Sex Workers along Malaba-Kampala Highway, Uganda, 2017

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Dear Mohammad Karamouzman:

We thank you and the reviewers for reviewing our paper and giving us valuable comments to help us improve our paper. We have revised our paper according to the comments and suggestions. Below are point-by-point responses to the comments raised.

I have submitted the revised version of the paper on behalf of my co-authors.

We thank you for considering our paper for publication.

Sincerely,

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Cover letter detailing a point-by-point response to reviewer’s comments

Technical Comments:

1. Ethics and consent to participate
In your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section of your declarations please confirm whether ethics approval/consent was obtained not just sought.
Response: Thanks for this observation, In the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” this has been changed to obtained consent as in line 488

2. Authors' contributions

We have noted that authors Steven Kabwama [SK], Fred Nsubuga [FN], and Peter Kyambadde [PK] are missing in the listed authors' contributions. The individual contributions of ALL authors to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors’ Contributions section. Guidance and criteria for authorship can be found here:

Response: Thanks for this observation, this was an omission in the writing however, SK, FN and PK all participated in the provision of technical support during the writing of the protocol, data collection, entry and analysis and they also participated in manuscript writing and reviewed the manuscript for intellectual content and scientific integrity as in section for the authors line 520 to 522

3. Interview guide

Please clarify whether the questionnaire/interview guide used in your study was developed for this study or has previously been published elsewhere. If the questionnaire/interview guide has been published elsewhere please provide a reference to it in your manuscript, if the questionnaire was developed for this study please upload an English language version as a supplementary file.

Response: Thanks for this observation, questionnaire was developed for this study and we have uploaded an English language version as interview guide

4. Consent for publication

-- In your “consent to publish” section, please confirm whether participants gave consent for direct quotes from their interviews to be published in this manuscript.

Response: Thanks for this observation, we have included a statement” The participants gave consent for direct quotes from their interviews to be published in the manuscript” In the section for Consent for publication line 500 to 501

5. Funding

In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: Thanks for this observation, the funders planned no role in design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript as stated in section for funding/disclaimer line 512 to 513