Author’s response to reviews

Title: Health professionals’ acceptance and willingness to pay for Hepatitis B virus vaccination in Gondar City Administration Governmental Health Institutions, Northwest Ethiopia

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

The manuscript entitled Health professionals’ acceptance and willingness to pay for Hepatitis B virus vaccination in Gondar City Administration Governmental Health Institutions, Northwest Ethiopia” was submitted to your journal for publication (Manuscript ID: BHSR-D-19-00616R3). We got some essential comments from the Editor-in-Chief which helped us improve the quality of the manuscript. We would like to thank the Editor-in-Chief for the excellent work and dedication in reviewing our manuscript.

The following changes are made based on the Editor-in-Chief’s comments:
1. We justified why we use verbal consent only, and gave detailed description how we documented the verbal consent, and confirmed that the ethics committee approved the procedure for verbal consent.
2. We prepared a single, final clean version of the manuscript as per the instructions, and we checked if all the tables were included within the text
3. We uploaded the revised manuscript to the “Health systems and services in low and middle income settings” section.

Please see the point by point responses given below.

Sincerely

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Editor-in-Chief Comments
1. In the section 'Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate', please state the reason verbal consent was obtained and not written consent. Please confirm if an ethics committee approved the procedure for verbal consent, and why they felt the need for written consent was not necessary for this study. Please also detail how you documented the consent.

Response: Thank you for potentially accepting the manuscript. The reason for using verbal consent only was that the study did not pose much risk to the study participants. We read off the information sheet and consent form for each participant before getting the consent. The Institute of Public Health Ethical Review Board also approved the protocol of the study.

2. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strike through or text in different colors. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Additional files should remain uploaded as separate files. Please ensure that all figures, tables and additional/supplementary files are cited within the text.

Response: Thank you for the clarification. We prepared a single, final clean version of the manuscript as per the instructions, and all the tables are now cited within the text.

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Response: We uploaded the revised manuscript to the “Health systems and services in low and middle income settings” section.