Author’s response to reviews

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Sabina Alam, PhD
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Dear Dr. Alam,

I am writing in response to the reviewer comments of our recently submitted manuscript entitled, “Liver cirrhosis mortality in 187 countries between 1980 and 2010: a systematic analysis,” for consideration for publication as a research article in BMC medicine. Below are our comments to the most recent feedback by the reviewers.

Reviewer: Peter Byass

1. It is incorrect to say "all 187 countries on the globe". WHO has 194 member states, and there also are other definitions. What you can say is "for 187 countries, covering 99.x% of the global population". This was revised. 187 countries included in this paper cover 99.7% of the total global population.

2. In figure 2 it appears that the bars vary slightly in overall height, whereas as far I can understand they should all be exactly 1.0 high. The variation in the bars is related to rounding of the percentage. The figure was modified so that all bars are exactly 1.0 high.

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