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**Title:** The development of an Android platform to undertake a discrete choice experiment in a low resource setting

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To
The Editor,
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Many thanks for the accepting our manuscript for publication at your journal. Below we address issues raised by Reviewers. We have also incorporated corresponding changes in the revised manuscript that is attached.

We hope this letter and the updated paper satisfy your publication requirements.

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In the format:

Full editorial/reviewer comment
Reviewer 1

Dear Authors,

Thank you on your effort to address almost all major and minor comments; although some indeed minor issues still remain to be tackled before recommending the acceptance of the manuscript for publication.

Thank you for accepting our amendments.

Minor comments:

1-- In the Methods section of the Abstract; page 3, line 34; the term 'verbal probing', lacks the opening quotation mark.
   # Thank you for your comment, this has now been adjusted.

2-- In Step 3: Development of the Android application, of the Methodological developments section; page 8, line 39; I would suggest substituting the term 'tablets' by 'devices' or 'tablet devices' or 'computer tablets' or 'Android devices' or 'digital tablets', for further clarification on where the data was actually stored.
   # This has now been modified to “computer tablets”.

3-- In the Results section; page 10, line 14; you introduced a correction addressing one of the previous comments adding at the end that "The collected data is easily transferred to the main server to allow for real-time analysis". I would not oppose this statement if it would be introduced in the Discussion section, while debating on the perks of using a digital format to manage the data collection but it is, in my personal opinion, out of place in the Results section after you informed, in the Methods section (Step 3: Development of the Android application; page 8, line 7), the use of the application to collect data to be offline; therefore disabling real-time transmission to server nor the analysis. I would suggest you rephrase this statement to fit that of an actual result or move it, as it is, to the appropriate paragraph in the Discussion section.
   # This has now been moved to the discussion section, (paragraph 1, line 6 to 7)

4-- In the Discussion section; page 10, line 30; please, correct the word 'Application' to lower case 'application'.
   # This has now been adjusted.

5-- Finally, it would be advisable to improve the resolution of the image included as Figure 1, in accordance with the guidelines promoted by Archives of Public Health journal for preparing your manuscript for submission (accessible at https://archpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript#preparing+figures) Please, see them below.
   # This has now been reformatted to (300dpi and width of 600 pixels).
Reviewer 2
Thank you for this revised manuscript, and for addressing my earlier comments. I appreciate the effort you have done to address all comments. I have recommended the acceptance of the manuscript for publication.
# Thank you for accepting our amendments.