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To the editor:

I am pleased to send you the latest version of our article, in which we have tried to address the comments of one reviewer concerning minor revisions. We hope it now meets the requirements of BMC Health Services Research.

Reply to reviewer: Juliet Nabyonga-Orem

Page 8 : thanks for this request.

We added page 8 (first para, last sentence) that transportation and service were reimbursed to the district and the hospital by the NGO.

Page 19 : in principle, referred patients don't have to pay but this paragraph try to explain that sometimes this is not the case. This is why this section in part of the "weaknesses of the implementation process" identified during this study.

Page 24 : the citation above has been deleted.

Page 28 : I prefer to maintain the question mark as I not so sure if the Nigerien context is particular. This type of strategies could be seen elsewhere sometime.