Author’s response to reviews

**Title:** Family planning practices and pregnancy intentions among HIV-positive and HIV-negative postpartum women in Swaziland: a cross sectional survey

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Revision of the manuscript entitled “Family planning practices and pregnancy intentions among HIV-positive and HIV-negative postpartum women in Swaziland: a cross sectional survey”

We have made relevant changes of the above named manuscript that is under consideration in the BMC Pregnancy and Child Birth journal. Below are the changes we have made to the article in response to the two reviewers and the editorial comments.

**Editor’s comments:**

**Comment 1.** The confidence intervals OR for younger women to have unwanted pregnancies seems to be incorrect OR 1.12 (10.7-1.12, in abstract, 1.07-1.12 in Results page 12 and Table 3).  
**Response 1:** This has been amended it was a typographical error in the abstract

**Comment 2.** Define abortions in the last row of page 4, assuming induced abortions/terminations of pregnancy.  
**Response 2:** We have defined this as induced abortions as per the article cited

**Comment 3.** The IRR for "age distribution with HIV-positive being significantly older than HIV negative by two years" is difficult to follow. What does the IRR of 1.08 tell the reader?  
**Response 3:** IRR refers to incident rate ratio derived from negative binomial regression model. However, we have removed this and retained the p value to avoid unnecessary confusion

**Comment 4.** The tables should have a space between the numbers and shares systematically. The numbers in Table 2 does not add for 'used FP when last pregnancy was mistimed', and/or the percentages are incorrectly calculated. In table 4, the number of HIV-positive women having one FP method only adds 71 of 69 women, and there are additional 12 other choices. This should be double-checked.

**Response 4:** All the aspects described above have been double checked and amended adequately

**Comment 5.** Finally, the article needs copyediting, e.g. four year multi country study instead of four-year multi-country (abstract), HIV-positive/negative instead of HIV-positive/negative (abstract), extra commas after ORs (page 3), extra spaces before full stop (page 4), half stop (page 9) or comma (page 17), double wording (was was in page 9), incorrect bracketing (e.g.
Response 5: These changes have been made throughout the article to reflect uniformity. Secondly, we have edited the article including the English and we hope it meets the standards of the journal.

We do hope that these changes will meet the journal standards.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Integra Initiative