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**Editorial comments:** We noticed that a related study from your group was recently accepted for publication in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. Since the accepted paper deals with causes of perinatal death and this manuscript deals with recurrence of perinatal death, we would appreciate it if you could cite the previous paper in this manuscript and clearly discuss how this work builds on your previous work.

**Author’s response:**

We have now cited the paper “Cause-specific neonatal mortality in a neonatal care unit in Northern Tanzania: a registry based cohort study” by Mmbaga et al. in the manuscript (reference 6). This reference now replaces two older studies using the same data source.

The paper by Mmbaga et al describes the distribution of causes of perinatal mortality in Northern Tanzania. In the current paper we estimated the recurrence of perinatal mortality in the future pregnancies. We now also discuss how the current paper builds on the previous work in the beginning of the Discussion.

We have also made a slight change in the title of the manuscript by adding the study design which was not presented in the previous version “cohort”.
