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Title: Community awareness about risk factors, presentation and prevention and obstetric fistula in Nabitovu village, Iganga district, Uganda

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Discretionary Revisions

I would suggest you describe the characteristics of your participants

Response: Participants were identified with the assistance of the civic leaders and invited to participate. Detailed personal information of the participants was not collected.

Minor Essential Revisions

Data analysis section still needs some improvement. Please describe what you actually did during this process. If you had analyzed data manually you should say so, otherwise if specific analytical framework was used you should acknowledge the founder as there are so many content analytical frameworks and these have different approaches in analyzing qualitative data.

Response: This detail has been added. Manual analysis was conducted by two people independently, and the final themes agreed upon by consensus. The data analysis was done manually by content analysis to identifying key themes, focusing on issues that were mentioned frequently and frequently received particular emphasis during the group discussions. Deductive content analysis, as described by Cavanah [24], Graneheim and Lundman [25], and Hsieh and Shannon [26]. This process involved manual identification of codes which were identified from the meaning units (words, phrases or statements that described the phenomenon). The codes were aggregated into categories using a categorization matrix. After a categorization, all the data were reviewed for content and coded for connection with the identified categories and in that way exemplified the identified categories. Subcategories with similar events, incidents or phenomena were finally grouped together into larger main categories or themes, according interpretation of their similarities or differences.

In Table 1, please show clearly what are themes, categories and codes. The way it has been presented categories have been represented as codes.

Eg Theme: Awareness of fistula (please refer fistula as obstetric fistula consistently)

Category: Leaking urine from childbirth

Codes: persistent smell, women always wet,........

Response: This error has been corrected

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests