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Dear Sir,

With reference to our manuscript entitled “Delivery and cord care practices in Pemba Tanzania: A qualitative study of community, hospital staff and community level care providers for knowledge, attitudes, belief systems and practices”, manuscript ID 9092012331062734, we are hereby submitting the revised manuscript with all the suggestions incorporated. Please find below point-by-point response to suggestions/comments.

Kindly acknowledge the same.

Yours truly,

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Point by Point response to suggestions/comments

1. First in the abstract, authors delete the last sentence in the methods as this is the aim of the study.

   Response: We have deleted the last sentence in the methods section of the abstract

2. Secondly, in the background of the body of the manuscript, last paragraph the text "This formative phase aimed ... CHX delivery" may be deleted and the last sentence rephrased to remove the TIPS paper. The reason is that this is an independent manuscript and it does not need the reflect all the objectives of the formative phase and the TIPS paper

   Response: All references to TIPS paper in the manuscript have been deleted. And the last sentence in the background section of the manuscript has been rephrased.

3. Additionally, we note that the contributions of author PD are listed solely as aiding in the preparation of the manuscript

   Response: We have removed author PD from the author list and moved her to acknowledgment section.