Author's response to reviews

Title: Reshaping maternal services in Nigeria: any need for spiritual care?

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The Editor,
BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth,

Dear Sir/Ma,

COVERING LETTER

On behalf of the authors of the article ‘Reshaping maternal services in Nigeria: any need for spiritual care?’ I write to submit a revised version of the manuscript. The point-by-point corrections as requested by the reviewer and editorial board have been addressed as follows:

1. Reviewer (Imran Morhason-Bello)
   a. Method section: Determination of study sites, proportionate allocation of study population and recruitment of participants were by convenient sampling. This is discussed along study limitation as suggested by the reviewer. More information about characteristics of each study sites has been written in the method section.
   b. Results: Authors have tried to contract the prose to key points. Some examples of desired spiritual practices by patients during labour have been cited as requested by the reviewer (second to the last paragraph).
   c. Limitation of study: It has been included in the discussion.
   d. Minor correction: Authors specifically quote maternal mortality from deliveries undertaken in prayer houses since it strengthens our problem definition. We feel this may be more appropriate for our discussion than the general average maternal mortality for the country.

2. Reviewer (Oladapo Olayemi)
   a. Multivariate analysis result is now reflected in the abstract
   b. Details of how the abstract was pretested and validated is stated in paragraph 5 (methodology)
   c. Critic of spiritual care was stated in ref 16 and 18.
   d. Minor essentials: “study aims at finding out….” has been corrected to “study aims to determine” as suggested.
e. Discretionary revision: a qualitative report was incorporated to the result section.

3. Additional editorial comments
   a. Name of ethics committee that approved the study has been included.
   b. It has been stated that informed written consent was obtained.
   c. Background section has been included in the abstract.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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