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Dear Dr. O’Donovan:

We believe the attached manuscript to be the first study of maternal near-miss associated with caesarean section using the latest WHO criteria. Our findings indicate that a large proportion of maternal near-miss and deaths in these low-resource settings are associated with complications of caesarean sections. This is significant in view of the increasing caesarean section rates in many low-income countries. We think readers of BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth will find the study relevant to their interests.

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