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RE: Revised Manuscript for BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth; MS 2023872777110212

Dear BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth Editorial team:

Please accept the fourth revision and resubmission of the original research paper: Mode of delivery and HIV-1 disease progression and mortality in a Kenyan cohort.

We have made a change to the title of the manuscript to more accurately reflect our findings and not overstate the results. We have changed the title from “The effect of mode of delivery on HIV-1 disease progression and mortality in a Kenyan cohort” to “Mode of delivery and HIV-1 disease progression and mortality in a Kenyan cohort.” This change reflects further consideration of the reviewer’s comments that we not over-state our findings. Although the risk of mortality was significant higher in the non-scheduled cesarean section group we do not have available data to explain the mechanism.

Secondly, we have included the Tables in the main MS file after the references section and removed the Tables from the Figure files. Please accept my apologies for this oversight.

Sincerely,

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