Author's response to reviews

Title: The effects of Vitamin C supplementation on pre-eclampsia in Mulago Hospital, Kampala, Uganda: a Randomized Placebo controlled clinical trial

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Submission of an article for publication

I would like to submit a clinical article entitled “To evaluate the effects of Vitamin C supplementation on pre-eclampsia in Mulago Hospital, Kampala, Uganda” to your Journal for publication.

This work was conducted in Mulago Hospital from November 2011 to January 2013 in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The management of the Hospital has granted us permission to publish this work in your Journal.

This article has not been submitted in any other journal for publication. There is also no conflict of interest to be declared by the authors.

I would like to state that this article has been read by all the authors and it represents the work which was conducted in the Hospital by the authors. I would like to state further that all the requirements of the authors have been met.

The response to Editor has made and is included below

Response to Editor’s Comment
   a) Methods: The tablets were similar in color, shape and size. This has been corrected in the text.
   b) Results: a table has been added listing drop-outs for each group (Table 2). The alleged reasons for have been indicated on page 13.
   c) Discussion: This is a type II error and it has been corrected in the text.
d) The high still birth rate: … the institutional delay especially for women who needed caesarean section as the waiting time on average was 4-6 hours. Has now been included.

e) Tables:

i. The writing of 04 instead of 4 for percentages below 10

ii. Legends to explain all abbreviations in the tables have been added.

iii. For binary variable the %Yes have been reported, the legend has been added to explain this.

iv. Table 2 now table 4: a 4<sup>th</sup> line total incidence has been added. A row with all percentages at 100% has been deleted. Primigravidae spelling has been corrected.

v. Table 3 the additions as well statistical calculations have been corrected. For eclampsia the risk ratio of 0 has been corrected.

vi. Table 4 now Table 5: all outcomes have been put in this table.

vii. Statistical methods: intention-to-treat principle has been corrected.

Yours faithfully

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