Dear Editor-in-Chief,

On behalf of myself and my co-author, I would like to submit a manuscript entitled “Indirect cost of maternal deaths in the WHO African Region in 2010” for consideration in the BMC Pregnancy & Child Birth. To the best of our knowledge, to date no cost-of-illness study has attempted to estimate the maternal mortality related loss in gross domestic product (GDP) and non-health GDP in the WHO African Region. The study reported in this manuscript attempts to partially bridge that knowledge/information gap. We are certain that the publication of this manuscript will contribute towards advocacy for national governments, development partners and may be private sector to invest more in scaling-up coverage of maternal health interventions in the Region.

In the version submitted on 13th May 2014, we have made slight corrections in the email address for JMK, Table 1 (to remove an empty column) and completed some references with missing information.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit our manuscript for consideration in the BMC Pregnancy & Child Birth.

Yours sincerely,

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