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Discretionary Revisions

• P4, the authors cited “Every year, four million babies die in their first four weeks of life (the neonatal period) globally [3].” This is a rather old estimate. The latest estimate by the Inter-Agency Mortality Estimation group (IGME) is in fact 2.9 million. Please see “The UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation. ‘Levels and trends in child mortality: report 2013’. UNICEF, New York”

• In appendix 4, it’s shown that respondents and non-respondents have different characteristics, which points to the direction that non-respondents may be more socially privileged than respondents. Please discuss the potential bias this may introduce despite of the high response rate.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests