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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Page 11, last paragraph - incomplete sentence "The 905 MOIs based on AMI's...."

This has been changed accordingly

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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Re-review
Unmet need of emergency obstetric care in Tanga Region, Tanzania.
The article is shaping up nicely.
Minor essential revisions:
1. Methodology section
Information about why a benchmark of 2 % was selected to estimate the extent of unmet obstetric need could be grouped. Information given about why blood transfusions were not included in the analyses could also be grouped.

For both issues, relevant information was re-grouped and re-edited.
2. Results section, page 13 line 3: the HMIS data show that there is a trend…

Corrected

3. Table 2.
Indications according to AMI should be written consistently with Capital letters.

Corrected

The whole text was also checked and edited by an English native speaker.