Author's response to reviews

Title: Introduction of a qualitative perinatal audit at Muhimbili National Hospital, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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The Editor,
BMC-Pregnancy and Childbirth
Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: COVER LETTER

We wish to re-submit our manuscript titled: Introduction of qualitative perinatal audit at a tertiary hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania with itemized response to editor’s comments

Major revision

1. References - References should be cited in the text using consecutive numbers in square brackets (e.g. [1], [2-3]). At present, the references are not cited consecutively.

This has been rectified as suggested by editors

2. Tables - Five tables are cited, but only four are provided. Please provide the missing table. Please remove the empty columns and vertical lines from Table 3.

The columns have been removed in table 3. Table five now is the box which has been converted to a table as suggested by the editor.

3. Box - unfortunately we cannot incorporate 'box 1', or text boxes. Please either convert the box to a table, remembering to update any references to 'Box 1' within the text, or include the information within the manuscript text (you can use indentation to highlight the text).

Please refer to no 2 above; this has been rectified as suggested.

4. Title - please remove the full stop/period.
This has been rectified and the full stop has been removed from the title.

5. Author list - the list of authors in the submission system should be written exactly as they are in the manuscript, both in style and order. The preferred style is ‘First name Initial Last name’ (e.g. Joe F Bloggs).

This has been corrected as suggested by the editor.

6. Abstract - this abstract does not have the correct structure in both the manuscript and the submission system. Please reformat it to use these headings: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions.

The abstract has been reformulated to conform to the journal structure.

7. Authors’ contributions - Please use initials to refer to each author’s contribution. Please indicate that all authors read and approved the final manuscript.

Initials have been used to refer to each authors as suggested.

8. Figures - The image file should not include the title (e.g. Figure 1... etc.) or figure number. The legend and title should be part of the manuscript file after the reference list. The figures are numbered automatically in the order in which they are uploaded. At 100% size, the text is not readable. We recommend you upload a higher resolution version of the figure.

The title to this figure has been removed and included just after the references. The resolution has been adjusted to 150%

With this covering letter we thank you for accepting to publish our original research paper in you widely read journal.

We thank you in advance

Best Regards,

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