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Dear Editor,

We have corrected the errors highlighted by the editors on the manuscript. We have also proof-read the manuscript and corrected typographical errors. The changes made include:

i) We edited the names as requested

ii) We removed the highlights from the manuscript

iii) We corrected typographical errors including: removed an extra coma from the abstract; added a hyphen between ‘working’ and ‘age’ to read ‘working-age’ in methods section, page 4 paragraph 3; defined SES as ‘socio-economic status’ at first mention in the manuscript; replaced the phrase ‘a third of women of child bearing age’ with ‘a third of pregnant women visiting public health facilities’ in discussion, page 14, paragraph 2; removed ‘(n=175)’ in Table 1, column 1, mother’s age=35+; removed ‘(n=435)’ in Table 1, column 1, household head sex=male; removed ‘(n=218)’ in Table 1, column 1, Household SES=least poor; removed ‘(n=621)’ in Table 1, column 1, area of residence=Mainly South African village; removed ‘(n=50)’ in Table 1, column 1, area of residence=Mainly Mozambican village; removed bold on variables in Table 1, column 1 and respective columns 2 & 3; highlighted in bold significant p-values in Table 2, columns 6 & 7.

We look forward to the publication.

Yours Sincerely,

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