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Thanks to give us the opportunity to revise our manuscript before starting the peer review process.

The manuscript was revised following your suggestions.

1. "After reviewing the abstract and manuscript myself, there are some grammatical errors that I believe need to be addressed prior to accepting for peer review”.

Grammatical aspects of the manuscript were revised.

2. “In addition, the content does not appear to advance the field. There is a small sample size and it is unclear how these individual beliefs can lead to any change or improved outcomes”.

As we reported in the “limits of the study” section (Page 9), we agree that our sample was limited, however it included “local experts in relation to neonatal infections and had responsibilities for neonatal infection control in their hospitals”. Our results include believes and practice of participants coming from 30 hospitals in Vietnam. Furthermore, epidemiological data from participating hospitals were reported (Fig. 1). We think that the results of this study allow to know the views of a representative group of healthcare providers leading to an analysis that can change the actual clinical practice in participating hospitals, but also in other similar settings.

3. “Furthermore, it is contradictory in terms of prior research on what is known to reduce infection. I.e. if health care providers do not think that GBS screening is important but we know it reduces mortality and morbidity, how can we interpret this information?”

Thanks for this suggestion. We added the following parts:
Page 2. Abstract: “However, some important recommendations were not commonly identified by participants and need to be reinforced”.
Page 8; line 2. “The results of this survey could be used to reinforce the importance of antenatal universal screening for GBS in the future hospital strategies”.