Author's response to reviews

Title: 'Pregnancy comes accidentally - like it did with me': Reproductive Decisions among Women on ART and their Partners in Rural Uganda: A Qualitative Study

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Dear Editor and Reviewer,

We thank reviewer 1 for her re-reading of the manuscript and her helpful comments that we think have improved our manuscript. Please find below a point-by-point response to each comment. To ease the reading of our responses, we have copied and pasted each comment and added the response below it in a distinct font, and we have inserted line numbering on each page of the revised manuscript and referred to the new page and line numbers (in track changes version) in our responses here.

Thank you again for your kind consideration.

With best wishes,

Rachel King

1. Page 8 line 6: to replace “including” with “for”

“study clinic if interested in using FP other than condoms. The FP clinic provided standard FP counseling and FP services for as many clinic visits as necessary. “

2. Page 11 line 2: In the results section, the authors still prefer numbers (Counting responses). Numbers should be used to describe the sample characteristics. Thereafter, we could use majority, few, most of, etc to give us a clue that the concepts described were raised by many or few.

“Most of the individuals (women and partners) from the categories of pregnant, aborted or had delivered”

3. Health workers need advise on how to deal with those who want to conceive. A recommendation which talks of “reproductive choices with emphasis on client’s fertility desires” would be appropriate.

Page 23; lines 10-13 “In conclusion, our findings highlight the need for a more comprehensive approach to ART counseling that integrates maternal and child health, family planning (FP) and HIV care services in order to address the realities and clients’ changing fertility desires.”