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Title: Utilization and uptake of Gender based violence recovery services within a reproductive health voucher program in Kenya

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Revision and re-submission of a protocol entitled “Utilization and uptake of Gender based violence recovery services within a reproductive health voucher program in Kenya”

We have made relevant changes of the above named manuscript that is under consideration in the BMC Public Health. Details of the changes are outlined below.

1. The abstract has been revised, it has 260 words within the limits required by the journal

2. Overall focus of the manuscript: We have chosen to concentrate on the qualitative findings and as such removed all the quantitative data and tables. The paper’s focus is entirely a qualitative evaluation.

3. Introduction section: We have revised the introduction by succinctly summarizing, but providing more emphasis on the GBV services and included more references illustrating the impact of voucher program in other settings.

4. Results section: We have focused on the qualitative findings

5. The discussion and conclusion sections have been revised

6. We have revised the title to: Exploring the effectiveness of the output-aid (OBA) program to increase uptake of gender-based violence recovery services in Kenya: A qualitative evaluation

7. There are amendments that have been made on the author’s contribution in page 25 and it now reads

Authors contribution: RN: Involved in data collection, data analysis, interpretation, drafting, re-organizing and overall revision of the manuscript, JO: Involved in data analysis, interpretation of the data, re-organizing and revision of the manuscript, FO and TA Involved in data collection, and the revision of the manuscript, LK and CU: Involved in the revision of the manuscript, CW, BB and IA: Involved in the conception of the design of the study and revision of the manuscript

Finally the manuscript has been formatted in accordance to the guidelines given on the submission of protocols. We hope that these changes are satisfactory to the request made and we look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,

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