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Author’s responses to BMC series editorial team: See the following
Community perceptions of intimate partner violence- a qualitative study from urban Tanzania.

On behalf of all authors of this paper, I am pleased to submit a third revision of the above referenced manuscript in response to the comments from the editorial team.

We have responded to the comments and provide a point-by-point response to the comments to improve the format of our manuscript and conform to the journal style as guided.

Our points are in bold italics after each of the comment given for formatting changes.

All tracked changes have been removed from the manuscript as per your advice to speed up publication.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

For the Authors,

Rose M Laisser
Formatting changes to be made:

Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

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

Thank you for the comment and we have amended and revised the authors’ list to feature as follows and as indicated on the manuscript version 4:

Rose M. Laisser  Lennarth Nyström  Helen I Lugina, Maria Emmelin

We also take this opportunity to inform your team that the authors Lennarth Nyström and Maria Emmelin do not use their middle names and hence they have no initials for their middle names.

References: Please make sure references are cited in numerical order. We notice reference 51 is not cited within the main text. Please make sure references continue to be cited in numerical order once this reference is cited.

We agree with your comment and thank you for this note.

The references have been checked and we have made the following amendments as indicated on our manuscript version 4:

Page 6 first paragraph the references at the end of the sentence are cited as [17, 25-28]
Page 6, 5th line from below... [29, 30]
Page 6, 3rd line from below ... [31]
Page 6, last citation... [32]
Page 7, 3rd sentence...[33]

Page 24, on the last sentence of second paragraph we have cited the references and included reference 51 within the main text.... [5, 27, 51, 52]

Page 24, 4th line from below...[21, 40, 53]

Minor revisions (we can make these changes for you, although it will speed up publication of your manuscript if you do them while making the major changes above)

Highlighting/tracking: Please remove all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.

We have removed highlighting/tracked changes as seen on our on the manuscript version 4.

Tables: please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables

We have removed the vertical lines as viewed on the table- page13 of the main manuscript.

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.

Figures: It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the image. Our online figure guide contains full details for preparing files for submission and can be viewed here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/figures

Thank you for both comments regarding figures
We have removed titles and edited figures as viewed on page 5 and 6 of this letter. We have submitted the same figure layout to your editorial team with this version.

The second figure on page 6 of this letter is set into landscape instead of portrait to improve visualization when printed to an A4 paper.

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MOVING FROM FRUSTRATION TO QUESTIONING TRADITIONAL GENDER NORMS

“...the solution to IPV problems should come from above... I mean initiated by the cabinet members... We may fail to solve matters individually...”

“People fight at night with doors closed. Who will open them for you?....We need strong laws that are strictly followed”

“IPV should stop; you know the women we beat are other people’s sisters and mothers”

“After 3 years of suffering I decided to end the silence and shared the dangers ...with my brother who assisted me for a divorce. It was not possible alone.”

Additional files: Please cite the additional file as 'Additional file1' throughout the text.

An additional file is cited as ‘Additional file1’ on pages 12, 13 and on page 42 of the main manuscript version 4.

Typography: Please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions. This is the final proofing stage for your manuscript, and you will not be able to make any changes after acceptance.

Pg 7, 11th line from the bottom we have deleted the words...“ and materials”
Pg 8, 9th line from the top we have inserted a period after reference citation [40, 41].
Pg 8, 12th line from the top we have inserted a period after reference citation [21, 32, 42, 43, 44].
Pg 30: We have italicized the sub title ‘Strengths and Limitations’

Page 36 Ref 21: the reference has been edited to read as;

Negussie D, Berhane Y, Ellisberg M, Emmelin M, Kullgren G, Hugberg U:

Pg 36 Ref 22; the title of the reference is bolded.

Pg 36 Ref 23 the authors initial S: is inserted and ...2008 deleted.

Page 39 Ref 46: the reference is edited to read as follows:


Page 41, Ref 61; The reference is edited and reads as :