Author's response to reviews

Title: A survey on depression among infertile women in Ghana

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Dear Editor,

RESPONSE TO REVIEWER’S COMMENTS

We thank the Editorial team and especially the Editor for their comments to strengthen the presentation of our Manuscript. We are also grateful to the executive Editor for his comments. The following revisions as requested have been effected.

Revisions

Reviewer 1

The reviewer requested that information on how patients were recruited and what information were shared with the patients. This information has been provided as stated below.

Response

As stated in the manuscript under methods in the first sentence, the patients were purposively recruited and the purpose of the study explained to them before enrollment. This has been stated in the second sentence under methods.

Reviewer 2

The reviewer requested that we state specifically the terms primary infertility and secondary infertility as used in the study.

Response

The specific definition of primary and secondary infertility as requested has been provided in the second paragraph under methods.

The following corrections have also been effected

The conclusion in both the abstract and the main manuscript has been modified to read “In conclusion, the prevalence of depression among the infertile women is high, especially among infertile women age 26 and above, those who are less educated,
those with primary infertility, as well as those who have been diagnosed as infertile for more than 3 years. Interventions to decrease and prevent the development of severe depression among these patients should be considered.”

Language and grammar errors

In the background, first sentence, the word “non-contraceptive” has been change to “non-contraceptive using”

The third to the seventh sentence in the background have also been modified to read “In Sub-Saharan Africa, secondary infertility is the most prevalent type of infertility[3, 4]. Secondary infertility is defined as the inability of a sexually active non-contraceptive using woman who has previously had a live birth to have a child despite cohabitation and the wish to become pregnant for at least 12 months [2, 5-7]. The inability to have children is undeniably a very distressing experience in both men and women which can lead to major psychological disorders such as depression. Depression is said to be a major problem associated with infertility especially in Africa where children are highly valued for socio-cultural and economic reasons [6, 8-10].”

In the methods the phrase “noncontracepting woman” has been change to “non-contraceptive using woman”

In Discussion first paragraph, last sentence the phrase “another wife been brought into the marriage” has been change to “another wife being brought into the marriage”.

Second paragraph, first sentence in the discussion the word “tend” has been change to “tended”. Also in the fourth sentence of the same paragraph the phrase “higher education increases an individuals chance” has been change to “higher education increases an individual’s chance”

Competing Interest has also been declared by authors
Thank you very much for the opportunity to share our findings

Kind regards

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