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Re: MS: 1505247993910229 - Age at Menarche in relation to Nutritional Status and Critical Life Events among girls in Urban and Rural Secondary Schools in Northern Uganda

Dear Editor,

We have edited the article as follows:

**Editor's Comments:** This paper is much improved and I think would make a potentially useful contribution to the literature. It still could use some review for language issues.

**AU:** The article was thoroughly revised by a professional editor.

In addition, a few very minor points should also be addressed:

1. In the abstract, the authors use the term "affected" in various locations, e.g. "age at menarche was not affected by extreme critical life events." Because the study was cross-sectional and causality cannot be inferred, it is more appropriate to use the term "associated."

**AU:** All the ‘affected’ were replaced by ‘associated’

2. In line 82 of the introduction, the authors state "Girls in rural areas were more at risk of stressful critical events than those in rural areas." Please correct this statement.

**AU:** This is now corrected in the current line 77-78.

Sincerely

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