Author's response to reviews

Title: Audio computer-assisted self-interviewing (ACASI) may avert socially desirable responses about infant feeding in the context of HIV

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Dear Editors,

Re: Manuscript for the Journal of Medical Informatics and Decision Making
Please find the reviewed manuscript by Anthony K. Waruru, Ruth Nduati and Thorkild Tylleskär entitled "Audio computer-assisted self-interviewing (ACASI) may avert socially desirable responses about infant feeding in the context of HIV", that we are re-submitting for publication after a second review.

In response to Dr Marek Brabek's review, the manuscript is being re-submitted with some editions.

Response to Dr Marek Brabek’s review:
In page 2 and 6, we have clarified the types of t-test used and how the t-tests were used. The sentence in page 2 now reads…. ‘A paired Student’s t-test was used to compare means of age, marital–time and parity when measuring interview mode effect and two-sample Student’s t-test to compare means for samples stratified by education level - determined during the exit interview. A Chi-Square ($\chi^2$ test) was used to compare ability to use ACASI by education level.’..

To clarify when comparison was made by using education –as an independent variable, the sentence in page 6/7 now reads….’ We measured time taken by each mother to complete ACASI and used a Student’s t-test to compare mean time taken by two groups of mothers – those educated up primary school level compared to mothers educated up to secondary school level. Level of education was determined for each mother from the exit interview.’….

On page 11, use of word ‘block’ has been avoided by replacing it with ‘group’.

We appreciate the reviewer’s comments and hope that these clarifications have addressed all the reviewers concerns. This manuscript is not being and will not be considered elsewhere while under your editorial review.

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