Author's response to reviews

Title: High rates of burnout among maternal health staff at a referral hospital in Malawi: A cross-sectional study

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We are very delighted to hear that in principle, BMC Nursing has accepted our manuscript, “High rates of burnout among maternal health staff at a referral hospital in Malawi: A cross-sectional study” for publication.

In response to the reviewer’s report, we have revised the manuscript accordingly (see next page for details). In addition, we have included a title page within the manuscript and have gone through the manuscript formatting checklist once more to ensure that our revised manuscript conforms to all of the points highlighted therein. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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The comments were addressed in the following manner:

**Reviewer:** Maralyn Foureur  
**Reviewer’s report:**
Thank you for addressing all the concerns raised in the original article in this updated version. There are further revisions required as listed below:

**Minor Essential Revisions**

1. Results section of the abstract refers to “…almost half of the respondents (74%) experienced reduced personal accomplishment” - but quotes a proportion of 74% - this needs to be corrected.  
**Response:** this has been corrected, has been changed to read, “almost three quarters…”

2. Last line of the third paragraph in the Background – “…EmOC and postnatal services…” - this is the first time you have presented this abbreviation- please provide the word/phrase in full before abbreviating it so that its meaning is clear.  
**Response:** it has been revised to read, “…emergency obstetric care (EmOC)…”

3. In the Discussion section first paragraph there are two further grammatical errors that require correction. “…an even a larger percentage…” remove the ‘a’ from this phrase; “…yet the largest difference the percentages of participants…” does not make sense- please rephrase to make the meaning more clear.  
**Response:** ‘a’ was deleted, the phrase was revised into a sentence and reads, “The largest percentage difference between the two study groups was for PA (50% of our sample vs 27% of McAuliffe and colleagues’ sample experienced PA)”