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Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference: Improving district level health planning and priority setting in Tanzania through implementing accountability for reasonableness framework: Perceptions of stakeholders

My co-authors and I should be grateful if you would consider this manuscript for publication in the BMC Health Services Research. Data for this paper comes from ongoing study of the European Union’s funded REACT project which is being implemented in Mbarali district, Tanzania. Additional data were collected by the first author as part of his PhD research project on Priority Setting in Health Care Institutions.

We believe that the article contributes to the dearth of literature on the applicability of the Accountability for Reasonableness to priority setting process. It is certainly that the article has significant implications for decentralization, health care planning and priority-setting processes, offering lessons that could be transferred to the similar context. Last but not least, this manuscript is not currently under consideration by any other journal and we hereby accept the conditions of submission and the BioMed Central Copyright and License Agreement.

Sincerely,
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