Author’s response to reviews

Title: Do health systems delay the treatment of poor children? A qualitative study on child deaths in rural Tanzania.

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Cover Letter

Please find attached the revised version of the original article manuscript entitled: Do health systems delay the treatment of poor children? A qualitative study on child deaths in rural Tanzania.

We have made the following changes to the manuscript:

1. A title page has been added.
2. A method section has been included in the abstract following the BMC guidelines for abstracts.
3. A statement concerning ethics has been added. The study fully comply with the Helsinki Declaration.
4. The aim/research question has been specified in the introduction.
5. The method section has been changed in the following way:
   • The study design is described in more detail and justifications made for each of the selected methods.
   • The criteria for the selection of informants are specified in more detail
   • The ethical section is expanded including reflections on the role of the researchers as well as reflections of the sensitivity of the subject of child death
   • Ethical approval of the study is specified
   • The thematic analytical approach is specified.
   • The approach to the use of quotes is described

. We thank you very much for pointing these issues out and hope that you will find our manuscript strenthened.

Sincerely,
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