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Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our manuscript entitled “Trends in the Types and Quality of Childhood Immunisation Research Output from Africa 1970-2010: Mapping the Evidence Base” for publication in your journal.

Please see responses to comments from the Editor:

State in the appropriate place in the Methods section the reasons for not including non-English and non-published studies (capacity issues as reported in the responses): the following statement has been added to the Methods section on page 6, “Only published studies, written in English were included in this review (due to limited resources as well as the large outputs obtained from the databases selected)”.

In addition a modification has been made to one sentence on page 13 that now reads, “African countries and international agencies assisting Africa should prioritise operational research in the context of GAVI and the Decade of Vaccines/Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP)”.

Changes have been made using track-changes in the main document that has been submitted.

I hope you find these corrections in order.

Kind regards,

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