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To the Editorial Committee of
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I would again like to thank the Editorial Committee and Abdul Wajid for his constructive comments on the revised version of my manuscript entitled, “Umbilical cord care in Ethiopia and implications for behavior change: a qualitative study”. My adjustments in response to and differences with the comments are indicated below.

Responses to 2nd set of comments by Abdul Wajid

Major Compulsory Revision:

1. A different reference on in-depth interviews has now been included. Associated statement in the text has been modified.

2. Title of Table 1 has been moved to Results section and descriptive paragraph added.

3. The full version of the CHX acronym has now been inserted in the first paragraph on Data Collection and Analyses.

4. The statement on sample size in the second paragraph of Data Collection and Analyses has been rephrased for clarity.

5. The statement on parity and SES in the section on Data Collection and Analyses has been rephrased for clarity.

Results
Additional indications of respondent types and regions for findings have now been included throughout the results section. However, I have preserved the basic form of presenting findings for the following reasons:

The results section synthesizes all findings of the study, generalizing for similarities and noting differences in responses from different types of respondents and regions. The lack of systematic differences and similarities in responses and quotes from respondent categories or regions would make separate sections of findings and quotes for each respondent category and region unnecessarily repetitive and complicated. Findings are synthesized instead, and meaningful quotes are included with a view to enhance understanding rather than to achieve representativeness.

This manner of presenting results is in line with expectations of qualitative writing.

Discussion

7. A section comparing study findings with findings of other similar studies has been added.

8. As a researcher, I have only been able to suggest implications of findings for behavioral change strategies generally and not for specific types of behavioral change strategies which I am not familiar with.

The manuscript has been further edited for language.

I hope my responses are acceptable to the reviewer and editors. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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