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RE: Submission of revised version of the article “Challenging common thinking on health care provision under extreme resource scarcity: a case study of emergency obstetric care in Northern Tanzania”

Dear Sir / Madam

I hereby submit to you for review the revised article

“Challenging common thinking on health care provision under extreme resource scarcity: a case study of emergency obstetric care in Northern Tanzania”

A major change to the article is the new title, now being:

"The impact of Global Health Initiatives on health care provision under extreme resource scarcity: presenting an agenda for debate from a case study of emergency obstetric care in Northern Tanzania"

The paper has been revised in line with the two reviews received upon submission of the first draft. I found these reviews very useful, and have spent considerable time on improving the paper based on their input. I have particularly focused on presenting more clear the paper as an agenda for debate as well as strengthening the discussion of trust as a platform for this debate. I have also clarified the language and composition of the text in order to communicate more clearly the findings and their implications for the debate.

As there is some considerable amount of time passed from the first draft to the present draft, I have also tried to update the most relevant literature to reflect more accurately the current debate.

The previous cover letter provides further background for the paper.

Finally there is another major change to the paper as I am now the only author. My co-author on the first draft, Professor Ole Frithjof Norheim, has asked not to be co-author of this revised version. If needed I will forward to you a declaration to this effect from him.

Please find enclosed the revised article and tables and figures in electronic form.
I hope the article now is in line with your visions for stimulating the debate on health systems in developing countries and look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

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