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Title: Health facility-based data on women receiving sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine during pregnancy in Tanzania: lessons to learn from a cross-sectional survey in Mkuranga and Mufindi districts and other national survey reports

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Dear Editor,

RE: RESUBMISSION OF THE REVISED VERSION OF THE MANUSCRIPT - ID 1508791895774118 AFTER RESPONSE TO FINAL REVIEWER'S COMMENTS

We are very pleased to send the revised version of the manuscript. Indeed, we thank you and the reviewers for the final round of the comments. Special thanks to them for their guidance that helped us very much to revise the paper.

HOW DID WE RESPOND

- We went through point by point, beginning with the abstract through to the final sentence of the paper, following the critical observations and guidance given by the referee/reviewer. The attached track changes document show how we did this.

- We have rephrased some sentences in the abstract as well as in the main text as commented. We also have improved the English once again, dealt with the typos, etc.

- The tables have been re-looked at as well. We have deleted the un-required columns and other staff, edited the titles and made the data appear better now as suggested.

- We have improved the argument by attempting to dissociate the discussion and results. However, we still retained a few references as part of immediate supporters of the data or statements that seemed to be of great relevance for the readers to keep in mind. The rest of the argument as the author suggested have been taken to the background section or rather shifted in some of the
subsections where they seemed to fit much better.

-Figure 1, has also been re-looked at. We have inserted a key at the bottom of it to clarify the legends. It was difficult to trace the original figure in non-PDF following the corrupted computer of the first author of this paper. We believe the readers can still follow easily the data in the figure. Thanks for the smart observation on this.

-We have also updated the literature and revised the originally sent list. In the new list, you can now see that the citations correspond with those shown in the main text and there is no longer any overlap.

-We have revisited the Abbreviations list and added some as suggested and as they featured more frequently in the manuscript.

We finally thank your team including our reviewers for their nice Job. Kindly pass our special thanks to Professors Lucy Smith Paintain, Bill Brieger and others.

Sincerely yours,

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