Author’s response to reviews

Title: Knowledge, attitudes and practices on adolescent vaccination among parents, teachers and adolescents in Africa: A systematic review protocol

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Dear Editor:

Ref: MS: 6524571041340070 -Response to reviewer comments

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript. The manuscript has benefited from the peer review process and we are very thankful.

We trust the revised manuscript will receive a positive consideration to be published in your journal.

Below, we have provided a point-by-point response to the reviewer comments.

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Response to reviewer comments

Reviewer 1: Alexander Tsertsvadze

Reviewer 1, comment 1: Methodology; Organization of sections, Page 13.

- ‘Data analysis and synthesis’ section includes ‘assessment of the risk of bias’ sub-section. Please, remove this sub-section from the ‘Data analysis and synthesis’ section and put it after the ‘Data extraction’ section – as the same level heading

- ‘Dealing with missing data’ sub-section belongs and should be inserted into ‘Data extraction’ section

Response to reviewer 1, comment 1: In our revised manuscript, we have re-organised the ‘assessment of the risk of bias’ and put after data extraction section as the same font 12 level heading. We have yellow highlighted the re-organised section (page 11) in the attached revised manuscript.

Dealing with missing data sub-section has been inserted under data extraction section of the revised manuscript. We have reduced the font size of subheadings “Dealing with missing data” to font size 11. These changes are highlighted in yellow in the attached revised manuscript.

Reviewer 1, comment 2: Search strategy, Page 10. Instead of listing so many grey literature sources in Search strategy section, simply state “We will search web sites and databases for grey materials (and refer to an appendix for more details). Move the list of these sources to an appendix.

Response to reviewer 1, comment 2: In our revised manuscript, the websites and databases web links have been moved to appendix 1, page 24. The search strategy section states “We will search web sites and databases for grey materials (appendix 1)”.