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Response to editor’s Comments:

1. In accordance with our submission guidelines, please include a Methods heading in the main text of the manuscript, between the Background and Results sections.

Response: A “methods” heading has been added. See line 149 of manuscript

2. Thank you for providing information regarding consent for your study. As the consent was verbal please include reasoning for this and state if an ethics committee approved this method of obtaining consent.

Response: Reasoning included see lines 537 to 540 “Permission to conduct the study was granted by all concerned District Health Officers. At facility level, since the information required for this study did not include information on human subjects, verbal consent from health facility in-charges was deemed sufficient by the ethics committee”

3. Please remove the heading on line 571 and place the text regarding the thesis from lines 572-575 in the Acknowledgements section.

Response: Heading removed and the text added to acknowledgement section. See lines 538-540.
4. We noticed two of the figures are labelled Figure 3. Please confirm the numbering of the figures and ensure that the references to them in the text of the manuscript are updated as well.

Response: This has been corrected see lines 294

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