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Comment: Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

Response: The section on Ethics has been revised to read as follows; The primary study was approved by the Higher Degrees Research Ethics Committee (HDREC) at Makerere University School of Public Health and the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology. All eligible participants provided informed written informed consent or assent from parents for those who were 15-17 years. Participants who were less than 18 years but living on their own or heading households were eligible for enrolment as emancipated minors.