Author’s response to reviews

Title: Cervical precancerous changes and selected cervical microbial infections among women attending Family Health Option Clinic in Thika, Kiambu County, Kenya, 2014: A cross sectional study

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Editor Comments and revisions:

   - Revised from clinics to clinic see line 28.

2) Line 31-32. Gonorrhea as an infection does not need to be capitalized.
   - Revised to low case see line 31-32.

3) Lines 35-37. The first sentence of the results in the abstract needs to be revised for grammar.
   - The above named sentence has been broken down into two sentences see line 35-38. They read “Of the 244 women screened, 238 (97.5%) presented with cervical inflammation, 80 (32.8%) cervical microbial infections and 12 (4.9%) cervical precancerous changes. Of the 12 women with cervical precancerous changes, 10 (83.3%) had CIN I and 2 (16.7%) CIN II.”
4) Lines 42-43. Consider revising the final abstract sentence to: “There is a need to scale up cervical screening for infection and precancerous lesions among many women in Kenya.”
- Revised see line 42-44.

5) Line 49. “Low and middle-income countries” instead of “low resource limited countries.”
- Revised, see line 49-50.

6) Line 64. Spell out the abbreviation for the FHOK Clinic at first use.
- Revised, Family Health Option Kenya (FHOK) spelt out. See line 65.

7) Abbreviations. Only spell out the abbreviations at first use. IUCD is defined in several places. And would also recommend using the abbreviation IUD instead of IUCD.
- IUCD revised to IUD. See lines 41, 104, 114, 146, 147, 224, 225, 228, 231, 232, 233, 234, 256 and 373.

8) Line 168. Participant instead of participants.
- Revised see line 171.

9) Line 184. Need a comma after the word “before” in this sentence.
- Revised see line 187.
10) Lines 221-232. Consider removing or abridging this part of the discussion.

- Shortened see line 224 - 235

11) Table 1 and Table 2. Title should include sample size.

Revised see line 367-368 for Table 1 title and 384-386 for Table 2 title.