Author’s response to reviews

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Sir/Madam

RE: REVIEW OF MANUSCRIPT (INFD-D-19-00053R2)
The above heading concerns.

We are very grateful to the entire Editorial Team of the Journal and to the reviewers for the hard work you have done to ensure our manuscript entitled “Cervicofacial necrotizing fasciitis among patients attending the Muhimbili National Hospital, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.” is of high quality.

We have read and taken into consideration the constructive comments of the reviewers and have made all necessary amendments in our work. The summary of the changes instituted in the manuscript and/or the responses to reviewer’s comments have been attached to this letter, and likewise they have been
highlighted in red within the main manuscript.

Sincerely,

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Reviewer 2:

Comment 1: Kindly notice that, all your comments on not using the CT scan, debridement, and operating under local anesthesia must be in the manuscript. This can help the reader to understand the management at your setting and help you to improve your management. It is strange that theater space was not available for a disease with mortality rate 42.9%? I think that it is important to review your management plan of such patients.

Response from Authors: Thank you for bringing this point up. We have included the response to this comment in the manuscript especially within the section of discussion.

Changes made on page and line numbers: Page 10, lines 16-18
                                          Page 12, lines 17-21
                                          Page 13, line 1-2

Comment 2: I have asked the authors to provide a comparison between patients who died and others who survived. It must include all the important data of the patients, yet, many data were not included. Statistical consultation may help in improving the results of study.

Response from Authors: we sincerely thank the reviewer for wanting to improve our work, we have changed the table 4 entirely so as it addresses the reviewer’s comments, and necessary adjustments have been done. In the process of doing such analyses, there is some information that has been subsequently included in the material and methods section.

Changes made on page and line numbers: Page 7, lines 8-11
                                          Page 9, lines 1-3
                                          Page 9, lines 14-17
                                          Table 4