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Dear Dr Nausch

Please find attached the response to the comments on our manuscript.

We would like to thank you for your input, and we hope that the responses to each of the points and changes made the manuscript are sufficient. Please do not hesitate to contact us, if any further clarification is required or expansion is necessary.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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I have clarified with the lead authors of the MORDOR-Malawi study; written rather than verbal consent was obtained for all children included in this study. I have updated the manuscript section to clarify this and how it was achieved in cases of illiteracy.

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