Author's response to reviews

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RE: MS: 9949919091302184 – Perceptions and experiences of community members on caring for preterm newborns in rural Mangochi: a qualitative study

Dear Editor,

We thank you for your response to our manuscript. Please find attached a revised version, in response to your invitation to resubmit the paper to the BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth journal if we felt that we could satisfactorily address the concerns of the reviewers. We have substantially modified the manuscript, taking into account the comments from the editorial office and the two reviewers.

Our response to the comments is presented using the following structure: The original editorial/reference comment is copied into this letter in italics. Our response to the comment is written below in normal text format. In case a revision to the manuscript text has been made, we give the appropriate line number (s). Changes in the manuscript have been indicated using a yellow color in the manuscript, and copied into this letter in the same format.

Responses to the comments made by the editorial office:

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Resubmission rebuttal letter, MS: 9949919091302184

Our response

We have revised as suggested and the revised text is found on page 21, lines 400-403

Authors' contribution

PA, AG, UA designed the study. AG collected the data, did the analysis and drafted the manuscript. PA, AM, and UA participated in data interpretation and critically edited the paper.

All authors approved the final manuscript to be submitted to *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*.

We hope that in its present form the manuscript is acceptable for publication in the *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth* journal. The material has not and will not be offered elsewhere for possible publication, as long as it is under *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth* journal consideration.

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