Author's response to reviews

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To
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Executive Editor,
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Dear Executive Editor,

We would like to thank you for considering the manuscript suitable for publication in the journal after the previous review. We have now revised the manuscript accordingly and have marked red in the manuscript which has been revised.

Comment 1. Consent: 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: We have now added in lines 122-123. “Written consent was obtained from the women who volunteered to participate in the study.”

Comment 2. Author's Contribution. Please include all authors in the author's contribution section.

Response: We have now added in lines 317-320. “AK, MM, JW, and UE conceptualized and designed the study. AK was the principal applicant for funding. RV was responsible for the data collection and data management. AK, VN and MM were responsible for the data analysis and drafting of the manuscript. JW, UE and GB reviewed and provided input to the draft manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.”

Comment 3. Acknowledgement. We strongly encourage you to include an Acknowledgements section between the Authors’ contributions section and
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Response: We have added the acknowledgements section between the author’s contribution and reference section in lines 321-329. "This study was supported by Laerdal Foundation for Acute Medicine, Stavanger, Norway as the part of the larger study to evaluate the impact of simplified neonatal resuscitation protocol on birth outcomes and health workers performance. Laerdal foundation for Acute Medicine had no influence on conceptualization or design of the study. MM, JW, UE and VN was supported through the University grant of Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden. The study group would like to thank Prof. Kiran Bajracharya and Dr. Dhan Raj Aryal who reviewed and provided inputs for the design and data collection of the study. The study is very grateful to the mothers who participated in this study.” The source of funding and role of funding body has been declared. We have acknowledged the experts who contributed to the study but did not meet the authorship criteria with their permission.

Yours sincerely,
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