Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors associated with postpartum hemorrhage maternal death in referral hospitals in Senegal and Mali: a cross-sectional epidemiological survey.

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Dear Editor in chief,

Thank you for your review and comments. Please find enclose our comments of the revised manuscript entitled: “Post-partum hemorrhage in referral hospitals in Senegal and Mali: Factors associated with maternal death” for re-submission to BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth.

Ethics: Could you please clarify whether the study protocol for this cross-sectional epidemiological survey is covered specifically by the approval that the ethics committees gave for the randomized control trial. Also, was informed consent provided by the women who took part in this sub-study? If not, has an ethics committee waived the need to ask for consent?

The ethics committee of Sainte-Justine Hospital in Montreal, Canada, and the national ethics committees in Senegal and in Mali approved the collect and the use of data, including this sub-study. For QUARITE trial, collection of clinical data from hospital registers and medical records is authorized by the hospital authorities and does not require patient consent. Therefore, women who took part in this sub-study have not provided an informed consent.

We revised the manuscript (Line 104) as follow: “The study protocol has already been published\textsuperscript{(10)(11)}. Ethical approval was granted by the ethics committee of Sainte-Justine Hospital in Montreal, Canada; and by the national ethics committees in Senegal and in Mali. This study is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, number ISRCTN46950658.”

Sincerely Yours,

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