Author's response to reviews

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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.

Thank you for confirming that ethical approval covered the current sub-study and that informed consent is not required. I'm afraid, however, that this needs to be clearly explained within the manuscript. Please add to the manuscript the information you provided in your cover letter.

We revised the manuscript (Line 105) as follow: “Ethical approval for QUARITE and this sub-study was granted by the ethics committee of Sainte-Justine Hospital in Montreal, Canada, and by the national ethics committees in Senegal and in Mali. The participating hospitals were included on the basis of informed consent by the local authorities. Collection of clinical data from hospital registers and medical records is authorized by the hospital authorities and does not require patient consent(11).”

Sincerely Yours,

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