Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors Associated with Adoption of Beneficial Newborn Care Practices in Rural Eastern Uganda: a Cross-sectional Study

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The Editor,
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Dear Editor,

**Re: Response to Reviewers Comments for Manuscript#: 1261033346145405**

We are very grateful to the reviewers’ who re-read and provided comments and guidance to our manuscript mentioned above.

We thank you yet again for providing us, another opportunity to improve the manuscript further in the light of the reviewers’ comments.

In this version of the manuscript, we have addressed the reviewers’ comments and thanked others for their effort to review our manuscript.

Below is a point-by-point response to the comments raised.

We look forward to receiving your further guidance on this subject.

Regards,

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**POINT-BY-POINT RESPONSE TO REVIEWER’S COMMENTS**

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<td><strong>Reviewer 1</strong></td>
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<td>#1 Discretionary Revisions: These statement are problematic for two reasons: &quot;The mixed findings we see among women of middle socio-economic status compared to low socio-economic status and high compared to low socio-economic status could be because women of high socio-economic status are likely to care less for the newborn because of work pressure, or may simply not want to breast feed and opt for bottle-feeding. Additionally, they may prefer to put powder on the umbilical cord as well.&quot; First, the phrase &quot;care less&quot; can also imply having less emotion affection, which is probably not what the authors meant. Second, &quot;may simply not want to breast feed&quot; is an oversimplification of the</td>
<td>We have revised the statements and it now reads as follows: <strong>line 311-320, page 14</strong> “… mixed findings we see among women of middle socio-economic status compared to low socio-economic status and high compared to low socio-economic status could ... and use of powder with a resultant effect of failure to adopt beneficial newborn care practice.”</td>
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<td>#2 <strong>Reviewer:</strong> zelee hill  <strong>Reviewer’s report:</strong> The revisions are OK</td>
<td>We are thankful for the reviewer(s) who have helped us improve our manuscript through the comments they provided.</td>
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