Author’s response to reviews

Title: Adaptation and Psychometric Evaluation of the Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy Scale to Assess Exclusive Breastfeeding

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Response Letter to reviewers

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to make final changes to our manuscript. We have addressed each of the comments comprehensively and a clean version has been uploaded.

Editor Comments

1. Please be sure to address each of the reviewer’s comments in the main manuscript file. Therefore, please include the following in your manuscript: Predictive validity - it would help to indicate at what time points exclusive breastfeeding behavior was measured (i.e., did the BSE-EBF at 1 month and 3 months predict exclusive BF at 6 months?)
*Response: the different time points have been added in the methods and results section, as follows:

*Methods section, lines 302-303, page 12

“Predictive validity of the two-dimensional BSES-EBF Scale at one and three months was assessed against exclusive breastfeeding behavior at one, three and six months postpartum.”

*Results section, lines 438-448, page 20

2. Clarify that the original BSES-SF assesses CONFIDENCE in any breastfeeding.

*Response: We have clarified that the original BSES-SF assesses confidence in any breastfeeding.

Introduction section, lines 113-115, page 4

“However, none of the instruments, including the BSES-SF, specifically measure exclusive breastfeeding self-efficacy; they measure confidence in any breastfeeding.”

3. We note that you have referenced other sources in the methods section, but please be sure to clearly reference the following manuscript, by including a statement indicating that similar methods were used for your previously published paper, and the current study: "Measuring exclusive breastfeeding social support: Scale development and validation in Uganda" (2018)

*Response: We have added the suggested statement on pg. Methods section, lines 174-176, page 6.

“Similar methods for the development and validation of this scale were used in our previously published paper on exclusive breastfeeding social support [30].”


Please note that we are unable to proceed with publication, if this amendment has not been made.

4. Upon uploading your revisions, please remove any tracked changes or highlighting and include only a single clean copy of the manuscript.

Response: We have uploaded a single clean copy of the manuscript.