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The Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Editor,


Kindly receive our revised manuscript titled, “Spatial and Temporal Trends of Cesarean Deliveries in Uganda: 2012-2016
We have revised the manuscript and on the next page, we present a point-by-point response to each of the comments raised by the editor and the reviewers, see page 2 below. We also confirm that the two maps of Uganda depicted in figure 2 were purposely generated by our team to display the data on spatial distribution of cesarean section rates at district level in 2012 and 2016. We are grateful that your journal is considering our paper potentially acceptable for publication in your prestigious journal.

Yours sincerely,

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We have removed the Disclaimer section and included the information under the funding section as advised.

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Dear reviewer, the map in figure 2 is our own work, derived from the data reported on in this manuscript. We have therefore stated this fact in the cover letter above as advised.

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We have the section “Additional Files” on page 21, lines 405-413; and included the title and a brief description of the data as advised.