Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors influencing the use of supervised delivery services in Garu-Tempane District, Ghana

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Comment 1. Thank you for providing the Ethical Approval and Consent to Participate section. Please clarify whether written or verbal consent was obtained from a parent or legal guardian on behalf of the participants under the age of 16. If the need for parental consent was waived by an IRB or national guidelines indicated that it is not needed in the case of adolescent mothers, please clearly state this in this section.

Our response: We have included a statement that parental consent was waived for all respondents aged below 18 years because they were considered emancipated adults, who were already playing adult roles, including making healthcare decisions for their newborn baby.

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Our Response: We have amended this to state 'Not Applicable'.

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Our Response: We have amended the data availability statement to read "The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request".

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Our Response: We have done this.

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Our Response: We have done this.

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Our Response: We have corrected this. The correct email in both the paper and system is: jganle@ug.edu.gh

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