Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the insightful review done by your reviewers once again.

We have provided a point by point response for the comments raised by reviewers in the document below.

Thank you very much once again for your contribution towards improvement of our manuscript.

Warm regards

Dr. Ernest Kenu

Reviewer reports:
Reviewer 2 (Reviewer 2): REVISION ASSESSMENT FROM THE ACADEMIC PEER REVIEWER:

Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? Yes

Response:

Thank you very much for your meticulous review of our paper.

Reviewer comments: Authors should still comment on the high incidence of pre-eclampsia in the preterm and term delivery groups.

How does this compare to national Ghana incidence.

Is there any referral bias which might affect results?

Response:

A paragraph on pre-eclampsia/eclampsia has been added in the discussion.

“In Ghana, pre-eclampsia/eclampsia is one of the five main causes of maternal mortality with Greater Accra region recording the highest cases of pre-eclampsia in the country [11]. Three out of ten women in our study had pre-eclampsia/eclampsia. This proportion similar to what was found by a study on hypertensive disorders in pregnancy in a referral hospital in Ghana [12] but higher than the national prevalence of almost two in ten [13]. The reason for the higher prevalence in our study could also be attributed to the fact that it is a referral facility and it is also located in the Greater Accra region.”