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Reviewer: Lesley Hoggart

Dear Reviewer, thank you for the time you have taken to review our manuscript. Your comments were valid and changes to the manuscript have been attended to accordingly.

Reviewer comment: This is a much-improved paper with the authors having responded positively to both reviewers’ suggestions.

Author response: Thanks you

Reviewer comment: I have a suggestion for a discretionary revision only: the Discussion is rather long, and repetitive in places, and could be tightened up.

Author response: The discussion and conclusion sections have been tightened and some statements deleted. There were some statements appear repeated but were used in totally different context to elucidate a point thus left unchanged.

Below are statements deleted from the manuscript discussion and conclusion section

These studies demonstrate the multiple challenges teenage mothers are posed with when faced with early/unplanned motherhood in addition to their specific needs as individuals in a developmental stage where they are negotiating entry into adulthood.

The negative reactions of family and community were also associated with the fear that the teen mothers would not be able to complete her education and gain good employment (Pungbangkadee et al., 2008; Gyesaw and Ankomah, 2013).
Those mothers who had sufficient social support were more likely to express their ability and desire to return to school and/or work.

Sincerely,
Authors