Author’s response to reviews

Title: Comparing the reasons for Suicide from Attempt Survivors and their Families in Ghana

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We are submitting the final clean version of the manuscript titled “Comparing the reasons for Suicide from Attempt Survivors and their Families in Ghana”. We have also addressed all other comments point-by-point as indicated below. We noticed that portions of what you are asking us to include are already captured. Consequently, we have deleted such sections to avoid repetitions.

Sincerely,

Joseph Osafo
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Comment 1. Ethics approval and consent to participate:

Thank you for clarifying your consent procedures. Please add the following, stated in your response letter, to the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' section of your Declarations:

"Participants were made aware of their right to refuse to participate and terminate the interview anytime. Both written and verbal consent were sought from participants. Verbal consent was used if the participant was not literate enough to participate in a written consent process. The ethics committee approved the use of verbal consent as well."

Response 1: we have added the above. Where there are aspects which are already indicated in the earlier revision, we have deleted them so that there will not be any repetitions.

Comment 2. Consent for publication:

Please add the following, stated in your response letter, to the 'Consent for publication' section of your Declarations:

"Both verbal and written consent were sought from participants to publish information such as age, gender and direct quotes. Participants consented for findings and such information to be published without their names and other identifying information. They were made to sign a consent form concerning their participation in the research and publication of results for the public."

Response 2: We have also included portions of these since aspects were already included in the earlier revision.

Comment 3. Please upload your revised manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.

Response 3: We have uploaded a clean version of the revision.