Author’s response to reviews

Title: Retention of HIV Exposed Infants in care at Arua Regional Referral Hospital, Uganda: a retrospective cohort study

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The Assistant Editor,
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Dear Professor,

Re: Point by point response

We are grateful for accepting the change of authorship to our manuscript titled “Retention of HIV Exposed Infants in care at Arua Regional Referral Hospital, Uganda: a retrospective cohort study”, manuscript number PUBH-D-18-03251R2. I am happy to inform you that all the requested changes from the Assistant Editor have been addressed by the Authors'.

We thank BMC Public Health for considering our manuscript. We also thank all Reviewers for the high quality peer-reviews that have helped to shape the quality of the manuscript.

We affirm to always consider BMC Public Health in future manuscript submissions.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Response: Thank you for considering the change of authorship order. In the submitted manuscript, the order of authorship follows the original submission: Pontius Apangu, Jonathan Izudi, Francis Bajunirwe, Edgar Mulogo, Vincent Batwala.

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