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Title: INCREASING RETENTION OF HIV POSITIVE PREGNANT AND BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS ON OPTION-B PLUS BY UPGRADING AND PROVIDING FULL TIME HIV SERVICES AT A LOWER HEALTH FACILITY IN RURAL UGANDA

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Rewrite "Having no formal education (Adjusted Odds Ratio (AOR) = 0.028, 95% Confidence Interval (CI) = 0.002- 0.394 and p= 0.008) was associated with low retention in HIV care (Table 2)."

as

"The odds of retention in HIV care was very low among women with no formal education (Adjusted Odds Ratio (AOR) = 0.028, 95% Confidence Interval (CI) = 0.002- 0.394 and p= 0.008) than those with formal education (Table 2).

*Having no formal education (Adjusted Odds Ratio (AOR) = 0.028, 95% Confidence Interval (CI) = 0.002- 0.394 and p= 0.008) was associated with low retention in HIV care has been re-written as “the odds of retention in HIV care was very low among women with no formal education (Adjusted Odds Ratio (AOR) = 0.028, 95% Confidence Interval (CI) = 0.002- 0.394 and p= 0.008) than those with formal education” Page 7
Figure 1: The title should be: Distribution of numbers of visits missed within three months prior to this study

*The title of figure 1 has been changed to “Distribution of numbers of visits missed within three months prior to this study” Figure 1

Table 2: The 2nd and 3rd columns are too busy unnecessarily. Delete all the "(n=116) (n=16)" within these columns except those in the heading. Also, place a percentage symbol (%) in the column headings and delete all the % sign in the 2 columns.

*The 2nd and 3rd columns on table 2 have been decongested as guided by the reviewer. Table 2

The adjusted odds ratio and the respective confidence interval and the associated p-values for the variables "privacy at the clinics" and "perceived confidentiality" as presented by the authors are statistically impossible. For instance, the aOR for "privacy at the clinic" was reported as 20.38 (10.32–87.31) with p=0.996. Authors, the interval is very large and its reliability is in doubt

*We acknowledge wrongly identifying Confidence Intervals for variables privacy and confidentiality from the SPSS analysis outputs. This has been rectified. The cORs had been confused with aORs; the rightful aORs have been included. Table 2