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The Editor
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Dear Editor,
Symptomatic presentation with cervical cancer in Uganda: a qualitative study assessing the pathways to diagnosis in a low-income country
We are very glad and highly appreciate the attention given to our manuscript entitled “Symptomatic presentation with cervical cancer in Uganda: a qualitative study assessing the pathways to diagnosis in a low-income country”, which has tremendously improved the quality of the paper.
Thank you very much for pointing out the repetitive sections in the quotes. I have effected the changes in the manuscript which I have uploaded through the Journal website. In particular,
(i) For the quotes in lines 317 – 322 and 355 – 357 (former version of manuscript) which repeats a section from the same participant, we have removed the preceding text and quote from lines 313 – 315 and 317 – 322 respectively, and maintained the quotes in 355 – 357 with its preceding text. The quote in lines 317 – 322 was adding contributing further evidence onto the immediate preceding section and quotes on lines 308 – 311 which were putting up the importance of previous interactions and information flow in the community in aiding prompt appraisal of symptoms of cervical cancer as due to cervical cancer. Removing the quotes in lines 317 – 322 does not substantially alter this message in the manuscript.
(ii) The “or” in 301 of former version of manuscript has been removed with the accompanying quote and its preceding text has been removed.
(iii) Line 864 (Box 1); the word 'kilo meter' has been changed to "kilometre" on both occasions.
We are grateful to you and your team for the services and we look forward to your positive considerations of our manuscript.

Yours Sincerely,

Amos Deogratius Mwaka