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Dear Editorial Board of BMC Nursing,

We are very grateful for the opportunity to submit our manuscript entitled “Midwives’ Expectations and Challenges for Professional Development in Urban Tanzania: a qualitative study” to BMC Nursing.

We explored and qualitatively described midwives’ expectation and challenges for professional development in Tanzania. From findings, four major categories were identified as their desire for learning, however, at the same time they experienced a number of barriers to access higher education and continuing education. In order to respond the midwives expectation and challenges that overcome the barriers inherent in providing more education, it will be necessary to increase accessible opportunities for professional development in Tanzania. We feel overall findings from this study are important and will be of special interest to the readers of BMC Nursing.

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The authors, would be grateful if the manuscript could be reviewed and considered for publication in Human Resources for Health and are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,
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