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Dear Editorial Team:

On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to submit our manuscript entitled “Maternal and Reproductive health financing in Burundi: levels and trends of public-sector contribution from 2010 to 2012.”

This paper presents the results of a study, which analyzes the levels and trends of maternal and reproductive health public expenditures in Burundi from 2010 to 2012, using RH sub-account methodology. To our knowledge, it is the first study to date providing information regarding the levels and trends of maternal and reproductive health funding in Burundi.

We are convinced that this paper will be of interest to the readership of BMC Health Services Research. Maternal and reproductive health will remain a major issue of the post-MDG agenda. In a context of shrinking donor commitment, the mobilization of resources and their effective use will be a key factor to meet the MDGs by 2015, but also to sustain future commitments in the this area. The results of this study shed light on current trends of public funding for reproductive health in Burundi. As such, it will provide important information to decision makers in the country as well as those in countries facing similar circumstances and contexts and at international level.

All authors declare they have no financial and non-financial competing interests in relation to this manuscript.

Finally, with regards to the changes requested by BMC Health Services Research, please note we have made the following modifications to the document:

1. Ethics and Consent statement. We included the following paragraph at the end of the Methods section: “Finally, the study involved secondary analysis of aggregated financial and health output data. It
did not involve any human subject (human material or human data) and as such did not require ethical
approval. Necessary permissions to access data not directly accessible to the general public were granted
by relevant public authorities in Burundi.”

2. **Order of references & tables.** We moved the Tables after the References section.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the manuscript.

Thank you for considering our work.

Best regards,

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