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Concerns raised by Shona Reeves

1. Overlap

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works. Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Thank you for your observation. We have greatly re-phrased the discussion section to avoid the textual overlap. See discussion section on page 10 to 12, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4. Line number 223-250.

2. Abstract Headings

In order to be in line with journal requirements please change your “Introduction” heading to instead read “Background” in your Abstract.

Thanks for your comment. We have changed the heading to background. See abstract section on page 2 line number 21.

3. Declarations
Please add a "Declarations" heading to your Declarations section. The Declarations should follow the Conclusions section, and be before the References.

Thank you for your observation. We have added Declarations. See page 14, line number 306.

4. Consent to Participate

In your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section of your declarations please confirm if an ethics committee approved the procedure for verbal consent, and why they felt the need for written consent was not necessary for this study. Please also detail how you documented the consent.

Thanks for your comment. We have revised this part. See page 15, line number 331 to 336. It reads “Permission to use the data was obtained from the MEASURE DHS, which is the monitoring and evaluation body of the demographic health survey (DHS) globally. The original study obtained ethical clearance from the Malawi’s National Health Sciences Research Committee (NHSRC). All participants of the primary study provided verbal and written informed consents”.

5. Response to Reviewers

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