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Title: Exploring the space for task-shifting to support nursing on neonatal wards in Kenyan public hospitals

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Reviewer: Nancy Ali

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1- Page 1-line 11: Do not use abbreviations in the abstract.

2- Page 1-lines 31-32: Please rephrase the following sentence to improve readability "Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3 by substantially reducing neonatal mortality requires delivery of available high impact, low cost interventions."

3- Page 2-Lines 65-67: Can you provide references for this information? Alternatively, please specify if the arguments made in lines 65-67 were based on anecdotal evidence.

4- Page 7-lines 153-154: I do not think the adverb "ironically" added to the meaning or to the importance of the information you communicated. Please remove said adverb.

5- Page 11- lines 273- 274: "These are reinforced in the NBUs by the routines nurses religiously keep" Please remove or change adverb (see comment 4). Moreover, you have described nurses' work environment as chaotic and you have argued that their task delegation strategies were managed via subconscious triage, and therefore the use of said adverb did not seem to fit the clinical approach followed by nurse participants in your study.

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