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Response to reviewer 1

Thank you for your appreciation and suggestions.

• Ethics approval in Ethiopia can only be sought from an accredited ethical review board, in our case the one at Saint Paul Hospital Millennium College. The other health centers included in the study cannot provide an ethical clearance. However, we presented the ethical clearance that was sought from the college to Addis Ababa Regional Health Bureau in order to be granted a letter of cooperation to conduct the study in the health centers.

• Thank you for the suggestion to write a commentary. Yes, it is possible to write a commentary on research in respectful maternity care and/or disrespect and abuse in Ethiopia. We will consider this in the coming months upon discussion with Reproductive Health.

Response to reviewer 2

• None

Response to editor

• Thank you for the comment. We have revised the table accordingly.