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Engaging men in mHealth approach to support postpartum family planning among couples in Kenya: A qualitative study (REPH-D-18-00170R1).

This is a great honor for me to get an opportunity to review as such great research work. The topic is very crucial to the field. Engaging men to support postpartum family planning is a winning approach to enhance the family planning uptake during post-partum period. The investigators used an innovative approach (mHealth). The manuscript is well written, however, I have some minor editorial comments.

Minor comment

Abstract

- It would be good avoiding acronyms (FP, SMS, FGD, and etc.), however, they are defined for the first time in the abstract section.

- Method: better write four "instead of 4", and two "instead of 2"

Background

- Page 4: Better use 'Background' instead of "'introduction", please follow the journal submission guideline

- Page 5: 21(167): better state… side effects and safety of modern FP methods (7 and 8).
- Page 6: Line 25-27 (206-207): It would be good if you state like ….The purpose of this study was to explore men's and women's perspectives on using SMS to facilitate men engagement on the postpartum FP education and counseling in Kenya.

Methods

- Page 7: line 12-16(233-235): "The Institutional Review Boards at the Kenyatta National Hospital and the University of Washington provided ethical approval for the study. We also received approval from the Ministry of Health at the facility level". Please present this statement on the declaration section as per the journal guideline. Adhere to the journal guide very helpful for readability of the paper.

- Data collection: 6 FGDS (4 FGD among men n=25 and 2 FGD among women =15), this has a discrepancy what you presented on the abstract section and the result section also (men: n=35 versus women: n= 15).

Results

- First line n=35 please look at the data collection section once again and take a corrective measure, hope it seems typo otherwise serious.

- Table 1: Age (years)=age (completed years)

- Table 1: on cells of the table ( - ) is not recommended in table, instead put (0, zero) if you do not have a participant on that categories.

Otherwise, WELL DONE

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