Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors Influencing Men's Involvement in Antenatal Care Services: A Cross-Sectional Study in a Low Resource Setting, Central Tanzania.

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Abstract
Section: Conclusion
Comment: What is the definition of ‘high’ involvement?
Response: Details regarding measures of the variable “male involvement”, including the definition of high involvement, have been included in the method subsection of the abstract.

Section: Plain English Summary: Accepted all editorial comments in the whole document as suggested

Section: Introduction:
Comment: Participate or attend may be more accurate wording choice
Response: Replaced the words “take part” with “participate” as suggested

Comment: Does this really support your statement? 3% seems small
Response: Revised the paragraph and cleared the in-consistence between the two statements

Section: Methods
Comment: Is this necessary? What does it add?
Response: The citation has been removed

Section: Sample size and selection
Comment: Prevalence of what? Check reference
Response: The section has been revised to improve clarity

Section: Independent variables
Comment: To me this does not represent ‘access to information’
Response: The paragraph has been removed
Comment: These are straight forward you need not describe
Response: The statement has been removed

Section: Results
Comment: You don’t need to state this, the p-value is evident
Response: Authors take note of the comment as suggested

Comment: How so? What about their attitude?
Response: Revised the section to improve clarity. The study explored men’s perception about health care provider’s attitude towards male involvement and NOT the attitude of men towards men’s involvement. Corrections have been made across the whole documents

Comment: In lay terms
Response: Revised the statement to be reader friendly

Section: Discussion
Comment: But does it involve men? If not, why would it be responsible?
Response: The section has been revised for clarity

Comment: I would compare with an African setting
Response: More literature from Africa has been added

Comment: What about social desirability?
Response: Clarified the potential influence of social desirability on the findings