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Title: Socio-demographic and Facility-Based Determinants of Perceived Quality of Nutrition Services of Pregnant and Lactating Adolescent Girls in Trans-Mara East Sub-County, Narok County, Kenya

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We thank the editorial team and the reviewers for providing useful comments that has aided in the improvement of the manuscript. We hereby provide point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments. In addition, we have attached the manuscript with the changed areas highlighted in red. It is our pleasure to re-submit the manuscript for consideration in BMC Nutrition.
Technical Comments:

Editor Comments:

Comment 1. For ALL Tables and figures - they need to be stand alone and have detailed titles that include a description of the sample and what information is presented. Please be consistent with decimal places in all tables - you shouldn't have more than 2. Spell out Reference or use 1.00.

Response 1. The table legends have been updated and the decimal points maintained for all percentages as 1 and for all OR, 95% CI as 2. The reference group is now denoted as 1.00.

Comment 2: Table 1:

The OR for age is per year? What is the mean (SD) for age?

Response 2: This has now been provided on Table 1 as [Mean(SD)=16.3 (2.2)years].

Comment 3: I suggest putting the Reference groups in the first row for all categories instead of alternating throughout the table.

Response 3: This has been effected.

Comment 4: For religion in table 1, why separate Muslim and Other? There are only 2 and 9 individual, respectively.

Response 4: These have been lumped together.

Comment 5: Table 2 should not be a separate table. Either add this information to the text or add it to another table.

Response 5: Data on previously Table 2 are now just described in text and the table eliminated.

Comment 6: Table 3:
The symbols need to be fixed. I actually suggest removing the p-values column and just use the symbols to designate the level of significance - since you don't need both. I do not understand the note about using the original reference group versus the collapsed reference group.

Response 6: This has now been changed to Table 2. The p-values column is deleted and the symbols fixed. The confusing statement is deleted.

Comment 7: The Conclusions section is way too long and repetitive. Please limit it one paragraph.

Response 7: This has been currently reduced and limited to a paragraph. We have only maintained what we feel should go in there.

We look forward to the publication of the manuscript in BMC Nutrition journal.

Sincerely,

Prof. Collins Ouma