



## SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

### PART 1:

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### PART 2:

| FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Authors' response to final evaluator's comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>The definitions of cause of death and the processes or algorithms used to classify cause of death must be added to the methods section.</p> <p>Table 1 needs to be improved by having the corresponding data of survived vs dead neonates in two columns. Each row should have the corresponding unit of numerator and percentage for categorical variables. If the denominator changes in the table, then, the denominator should also be included for each row.</p> <p>Apgar is misspelled. It should be Apgar not APGAR.</p> | <p>The disease conditions were categorized according to the 2000 Global Burden of diseases. The case definitions of other disease conditions not previously captured including neonatal tetanus have been included [See methodology on Page 5].</p> <p>Efforts to revise table I as suggested have been made. However, we state that we could not access most of the case record files of the survived neonates and so could present most of their data. In our centre the medical records of the subjects used for the study have not been computerized. So we state that this is a limitation to the current study.</p> <p>Apgar corrected in the manuscript on page 5 line 20 [subjects and methods section].</p> |