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Dear Mr. Bongcavao:

Re: 1189731910632401 - Women's and care providers' perspectives of quality prenatal care: A qualitative descriptive study

In response to Dr. Beeckman's suggestion that we refer to the literature that is the basis for the tentative hypothesis that there is a relationship between quality prenatal care and a variety of outcomes, we have added a statement at the end of the discussion section and immediately following the sentence, "Finally, research should examine the impact of quality care on a broad variety of maternal and infant outcomes and on future health service utilization." The added statement refers to the literature introduced in the background section and reads as follows:

Preliminary evidence suggest the importance of specific dimensions of quality care, such as attention to lifestyle risk factors, adequate time with a care provider, and relationship-centredness, in improving maternal and infant health [4-7].

I trust that with this addition the manuscript can be accepted for publication.

Sincerely,

Wendy Sword