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Thank you very much for sending the editorial comments on our manuscript “Women-focused development intervention reduces delays in accessing emergency obstetric care in urban slums in Bangladesh: a cross-sectional study” (MS: 4811879423918786). We agree with all comments and have thoroughly reviewed, revised, recognized and the paper to address those concerns (highlighted in the text). These are detailed, point by point at the end of this cover letter below.

We now submit the re-revised manuscript for your deliberation and hope that it will meet your favorable decision. We take this opportunity to thank you again for your time and interest.

Yours sincerely
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Editorial comments: Thank you very much for you valuable comments on this manuscript.

1. Abstract: We have opened the abbreviation BRAC and added words ‘to be an’ as recommended (highlighted, on the page 2 and 3).

2. It is now corrected to ‘prolonged and/or obstructed labour’, highlighted in the page 8, 14, 35 (table 3), and 37 (table 5).

3. Full stop after ‘maternal complications’ given on the page 10 (highlighted) and we have rephrased the text ‘time required for recognizing and for decision making’ in the page 11 (highlighted).

4. According to editor’s comments we have said differently the sentence ‘although Manoshi provided homestead service for ANC, delivery care was only provided by DC by CHW ’, added ‘s’ and highlighted on the page 20.

5. We have used ‘multiparity’ throughout the manuscript text and tables (highlighted, on the page 16, 18 and 39).

6. Use of decimal (5.0) has been systematized on page 2, 14 and 17 and rearranged the use of space before /-sign in the table 1 (highlighted).

7. Using double spaces in the text have been checked as recommended.