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To the BioMed Central Editorial Team of the “BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth”

Please find below our revisions for the submitted article entitled:

“Improved pregnancy outcome despite low literacy on the Thai-Burmese border: results of three cross-sectional surveys” (MS ID: 7421025504836686)

We thank the Editorial Production Team for their revision of the manuscript.

Major revisions:

1. The author list must be written exactly as in the submission system, in a sentence structure with a separate email list.
   We have changed the author list to comply with the request, and made sure that they are similar in order and style to those reported in the electronic submission.

2. The manuscript doesn’t have the correct structure. Please reformat it.
   We have added a conclusion paragraph, we added one abbreviation and the authors’ information is now where requested.

3. Figure 2 has been submitted as more than one page. We ask that if a figure consists of separate pages, then a single composite illustration file should be submitted. If this is not possible, we recommend that page 1 be submitted as figure 1, page 2 as figure 2.
   Figure 2a is now called “figure 2” and figure 2b “figure 3”; references to the figures in the manuscript have been changed accordingly.

Minor revisions:

1. Email addresses on the title page, separate from the author list and using a standard format.
   We have modified the email list as requested.
2. Highlighting/tracking must be removed.
This was done as requested.

3. References: the term “et al.” should not be used if there are fewer than 30 authors.
We have added the complete list of authors wherever the term “et al” was wrongly added.

4. Figures: the image file should not include the title or figure number.
We have removed the figure numbers from the figure files.

5. Figures: it is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimize the white space around the image.
We have modified the size of each figure using power point program to minimize white space as requested.

6. Typography: take this opportunity to check the manuscript for any typographical errors and make any final corrections or revisions.
We have reviewed the manuscript one last time and corrected the typographic errors. We noticed in the results section p value was sometimes in brackets, sometimes without. We preferred to standardized to one method and all p values are contained within brackets.