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Title: How many births in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia will not be attended by a skilled birth attendant between 2011 and 2015?

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Dear Editors,

We have made the following formatting changes to our manuscript in accordance with your request:

- indicated that all authors read and approved the final manuscript;
- cited references in the text using consecutive numbers in square brackets;
- provided a functioning link to all websites;
- mentioned all additional files in the text in numerical order;
- ensured that the "Additional files" section lists the title of the data and a short description of the data;
- removed all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript;
- removed the visible vertical lines from the tables;
- re-layout table 2 without merged elements.

We have also made a few very minor amendments in order to make sure the text is as clear as possible to the reader (e.g. an additional word in a sentence to add clarity). As requested, I have not included these as track changes in the uploaded manuscript (see point 6 above). However, I have separately emailed a version with the track changes included in case this is of interest to the editors/reviewers.

Yours faithfully,

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