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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your email of July 18, 2013. We are pleased that you are interested in our manuscript for possible publication as an original article in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. We appreciate the thoroughness with which the reviewers considered our manuscript. We have addressed the comments made by the reviewers and have carefully revised the manuscript accordingly. We hope that it is now suitable for publication in your esteemed journal. We understand that final acceptance depends on satisfactory resolution of the points raised by the reviewers.

I am sending the revised manuscript with all the changes indicated in red text.

Responses to the reviewers and detailed explanations of our revisions are provided below.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Reviewer's report:**
I thank the authors for their extensive answers and efforts to improve the paper.
I have no further comments.

**Response:**
Thank you very much for your insightful comments.

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**Reviewer's report:**
Minor Essential Revisions
In Table 4 it is not obvious what the p-values for trend represents. Since there are only two categories for exposure, there is no "trend".

**Response:**
We are very grateful for your careful review and insightful comments. We have carefully revised the manuscript according to your remarks.

The phrase “$P$ for trend” in Table 4 was changed to “$P^c$”

The footnote “$^c$ P value was calculated by analysis of covariance.” was added to Table 4.