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Re: Changes to manuscript based on referee's comments

Dr. Emily Crow,
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Dear Dr. Crow,

Thank you very much for your e-mail response on January 25th for our manuscript (MS: 2059286734891630) entitled, “Reliability tests and validation tests of the Client Satisfaction Questionnaire (CSQ-8) as an index of satisfaction with childbirth-related care among Filipino women” by Matsubara, Green, Astorga, Daya, Jervoso, Gonzaga, and Jimba. The manuscript has now been revised following the editor’s comment. We hope that these changes will meet the requirements for further consideration in BioMed Central Public Health.

We appreciate for your kind consideration in advance and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Point-by-point response sheet:

1. Your revised manuscript now states that the Regional Department of Health, Leyte Provincial Hospital and Ormoc District Hospital approved your study. Could you please clarify whether the ethics committees at these hospitals approved your study?

We appreciate this comment and have clarified the ethical approvals from the local ethics committees, (page 11) which were based on national ethical guidelines for health research in the Philippines. The Regional Health Research Development Consortium of the Region takes charge of ethical reviews of the researches that will be conducted in the institutions which do not have their own ethical review committees, and of community-based researches that are not linked with a specific responsible institution. As Leyte Provincial Hospital and Ormoc District Hospital did not have the ethical research committee, the Regional Director of the Department of Health—the Center for Health Development, Eastern Visayas approved the study following the approval from the University of Tokyo. After that, the directors of the Leyte Provincial Hospital and Ormoc District Hospital examined and approved the study. Mothers’ participation was voluntary, and we kept all data confidential. Before collecting data, we informed the participants of the aim of the study. Interviewers then started to interview the respondents who had given their informed consent sheet.