Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors associated with success of VBAC, a case control study in three teaching Hospitals, Ethiopia

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Dear Editor:

From Malede B. Fanta, Ethiopia

I am author of a study entitled ‘Factors determining success of VBAC in three teaching hospitals in Ethiopia, a case control study’ under a process of re-review for publication at BMC. Six weeks back, I was notified from the journal’s editor to respond to the second comments given by reviewer 2. But because of my busy schedule and my absence from my office for long time I couldn’t send my response timely. I have the utmost confidence that this may not have a negative impact on the final decision of the publication of this paper at this site. I have spent my time to correct the manuscript mainly on the editorial process and the English language. I tried to format the journals according to the requirement of the journal. Hoping that this meets the final requirement of the journal site I have sent the revised manuscript. In this cover letter I have put my point to point response to the reviewers comment.

Responses and corrections made to Dr Tegbar Yigzaw’s comments, second reviewer

Major revisions

1. Regarding the editorial revision, I have gone through all the manuscript and tried to correct all the errors

2. I have put the summary of exposure variables on the result section as table 1

3. I have learned that we have taken an assumption which would decrease the calculated sample size and I have put this as a limitation on the possible small sample size effect of this research may be having while drawing a conclusion.
4. Regarding putting p-values and confidence intervals on the narrative of the discussions, I have followed the style used by other BMC publications where they put this figures on the tables annexed. So I preferred to put it on the tables’. I hope Dr. Tegbar may agree on this.

5. The comment on the comparison of the result with many other literatures is also commendable. But the literature reviews that I had are those mentioned on the reference section and not more literatures searched at the time of the study or write up to make further comparisons.

These were the comments sent and I am grateful to Dr. Tegbar for his excellent review of my paper.

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