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To the Editor

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Dear Sir/Madam

With regards to Dr Nkwabong’s contributive feedback:

1. We referred to the study as being cross-sectional because study exposure and outcome variables after retrieval from delivery records of the study center were studied simultaneously, compared to a classical retrospective study which begins with study outcome(s) and moves back in time to investigate exposures. Retrieval of data from records in survey methods terminology does not make a study retrospective or not. It’s rather the start point of a study and sequence of study of exposure(s) or outcome(s) that determines if a study is prospective, retrospective or cross-sectional.

2. We did not have consent forms since we used registers and not patients. But we obtained clearance from Yaoundé Central Hospital.

3. As requested, on the 2nd line of the Results section early mention has been made of the number of adolescent parturients included in the study.
4. With regards to table 5, we proposed it should be a single table so as to maintain the flow of information and not add many more tables to the already many (7) existing tables.

5. We have proofread and rectified grammatical errors in the article especially as recommended in the discussion section. We would be grateful if the reviewer still finds the English unacceptable, for precision (section/paragraph/line) to be given on further grammatical/stylistic rectifications to make.

Once again thanks for the constructive feedbacks.

Sincere regards,
Florent Fouelifack, MD
On behalf of the research team.