Author's response to reviews

Title: Birth setting, transfer and maternal sense of control: results from the DELIVER study

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Dear Dr. Andrew Symon,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled “Birth setting, referral and maternal sense of control: results from the DELIVER study” which we submit for publication in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

We thank you very much for your useful comments. After each comment our response is written down. You can find the point by point responses at the bottom of this letter. The changes that we made include a few language corrections, and we have added a column with test statistics to table 1.

All authors have read the manuscript and approved submission; the manuscript has not been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere, in whole or in part, in any language, except as an abstract.

We hope that you will find the revised manuscript of interest to the readers of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Geerts

Attachment (below): response to comments of the Editor.
(1) All the authors need to do is add an extra column to Table 1 prior to the p value column providing the relevant data, e.g. "Chi square = 8.751, df=3"; "t=3.458" etc. The reader should see the test result as well as the level of statistical significance.

RESPONSE We have added an extra column with test statistics to table 1, page 16.

(2) A couple of copy-editing changes are required:
Page 8, first line of the Results section:
'In the Deliver study...' Please capitalise DELIVER, as in the rest of the article.

RESPONSE We have capitalized DELIVER study in the first line of the Results section, page 8 first line.

(3) There are three instances where the word 'transferral' is used. I'm not sure if this is an Americanism; to me the word 'transfer' is correct here.

RESPONSE We have changed the word ‘transferral’ to ‘transfer’ throughout the full manuscript.