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Title: Maternal health care professionals' perspectives on the provision and use of antenatal and delivery care: a qualitative study in rural Vietnam

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Dear editor,

We hereby submit a revised manuscript of our paper “Maternal health care professionals’ perspectives on the provision and use of antenatal and delivery care: a qualitative descriptive study in rural Vietnam”.

According to your instructions we have made the following changes:

1. The title is the same in the manuscript and the submission system
2. The names and order of the authors is the same in the manuscript and the submission system
3. All “track changes” and high-lightening is removed
4. All text is back
5. A sentence stating that all authors read and approved of the final manuscript has been added to the authors contribution section
6. The tables have been added at the end of the paper and formatted according to the instructions
7. The city has been included in the affiliations
8. Abbreviations have been formatted to a paragraph
9. We have checked the manuscript for typographical errors

In addition we have also added one word in the aims of the study to:
This qualitative descriptive study explored the perspectives and experiences of midwives, assistant physicians and medical doctors on the content and quality of maternal health care services in Vietnam

Further we removed the wording ...90 to 98%... on page 7 and two sentences stating the cost of delivery services and personal annual income in the study setting (page 16, discussions) since we felt that they may quickly become inaccurate.

This paper will be part of my thesis that is printed on the 19th of October. Will it be possible to have a final pdf of the manuscript before the 19th of October? And may I have your permission to print the manuscript in the thesis if it is clearly indicated that it is published with you?

Best Regards
Sophie Graner
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