Author's response to reviews

Title: Rural-urban differences in neonatal mortality in a poorly developed province of China

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Dear Editor,

We very much appreciate the careful reading of our manuscript and valuable suggestions of the reviewer. We have revised the manuscript accordingly.

Response to Susan Hughes

Minor issues not for publication – remaining edits for clarity
1. Background third paragraph fourth sentence: Remove first ‘the’ so sentence reads “Gansu province is located in north-west China ….”
   # Response: We removed “the”, the sentence has been rewritten in the revised manuscript
2. Methods first paragraph last sentence: Add space between ‘2004’ and ‘to’
   # Response: We added space between ‘2004’ and ‘to’.
3. Results second paragraph first sentence: Sentence should end with the word pneumonia’ the word ‘however’ can be removed.
   # Response: We deleted “however”
4. Discussion eighth paragraph second, third & fourth sentences: Combine second and fourth sentences, in the third sentence add ‘of’ and change tense of occurring’ to read “One strategy could be increasing institutional delivery rates, based on the finding that nearly half neonatal death occurred during the first day of life, and medical treatment can be effective. It is reported that 30% of rural deliveries occurred out of hospital in Gansu province in 2008.”
   # Response: We changed the sentence according to reviewer’s advice
5. Discussion ninth paragraph second sentence change ‘exit’ to ‘exist’
   # Response: We changed ‘exit’ to ‘exist’