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Title: A retrospective follow up study on maternal age and infant mortality in two Sicilian districts

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In agreement with the co-authors, we have revised the manuscript according to "Formatting changes to be made".

Best regards,
Walter Mazzucco

Major revisions:
1. References: please provide a functioning links to websites 17 and 24.
   Implemented.
2. Figures: at 100% the text of Figure 1 is not clearly readable. We recommend you upload a higher resolution version of the figure.
   A higher resolution version of the figure has been created.

Minor revisions:
1. Highlighting/tracking: Please remove all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript, and change any coloured text to black.
   Done.
2. Title: please use sentence case in the title, both in the manuscript file and the
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We have changed the previous title as follows: "A retrospective follow up study on maternal age and infant mortality in two Sicilian districts"

3. Please remove "Key words"
Done.

4. Please rename "Introduction" to "Background"
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5. References: Please ensure all reference numbers are given in square brackets. Currently, 17 is given in () brackets.
Checked and corrected.

6. Tables: please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables. Please also note that we are unable to correctly display merged cells where the merged cell crosses rows: please re-layout your table without these merged elements
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