Author's response to reviews

Title: Breastfeeding practices in urban and rural Vietnam

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To: Editorial office
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Dear Sirs, Madams

The paper “Breastfeeding practices in urban and rural Vietnam” was initially submitted to BMC Paediatrics on January 12th, 2012. The manuscript has now been revised according to referee comments and is hereby returned for your renewed consideration.

I would like to give a point-by-point response to the comments from referees and editor

Referee Colin Binns

1. The methodology section has been re-allocated between background and results sections
2. Detail about where questionnaire come from and how they develop and validate has been added in the data collection section.
3. Data analysis:
   - Type of survival analysis used for a longitudinal study has been added in the statistical analysis section
   - Some other variables as maternal ages, parity, type of delivery, educational level of mothers, mother’s education and household income have been used separately and in the multivariable modelling
4. Breast feeding:
   - Definition of exclusive breastfeeding has been explained in the methods section
   - Questions about receiving formula as gifts were not included in the questionnaire.

Referee Liquian Qui

1. Reference No 2 has been taken out from the third line of the background section of manuscript
2. Information about the number of births per year in each study site has been added
3. Information about how to select children in the study has been explained in the study design and subject section.
4. The number of HDDS interviewers has also been written
5. Reference No 19 in the previous manuscript is the manuscript. It has been submitted to BMC Health Services Research Journal.
6. References No 23 in previous manuscript has been completed.

Editor

1. Methods section has been re-allocated between the Background and Results sections of the manuscript
2. Methods section has been included in the abstract

Hoping that you will find the changes satisfactory I am looking forward to your answer

Yours sincerely,

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