Author's response to reviews

Title: Women's Opinions on Antenatal Care in Developing Countries: Results of a Study in Cuba, Thailand, Saudi Arabia and Argentina

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PDF covering letter
Dear Editors:

Attached please find the final version of the paper “Women’s Opinions on Antenatal Care in Developing Countries: Results of a Study in Cuba, Thailand, Saudi Arabia and Argentina”, which contains most of the changes that were suggested by you in previous messages. Also, please note the following comments about the changes:

a) Regarding the request of making clear the difference between cultural issues and socioeconomic condition of the interviewees, in the introduction and discussion sections of our paper it is specified that our analysis is focused on the cultural responses towards the new model. Although we consider that socio-economic background is actually relevant to understand certain responses, we clearly state that the information available is not sufficient to go deeper into this analysis. As a matter of fact, should the subject of access be the main interest of our paper, socioeconomic data would then be determinant to the analysis.

b) In the section of “conclusions”, it is recommended that further research, based on the use of appropriate techniques both quantitative and qualitative, is carried out to fully understand this issue.

c) Table 1 includes more data about women participating in focus groups discussions; it also specifies the occupation distribution as well as age range.

d) The “introduction” section contains more information about the average number of antenatal visits in each country according to the traditional and the new protocol.

Sincerely yours

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