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Dear Editors,

Thank you for your recent mail concerning our paper - 1880667422760432. We have considered the report and we have amended the text according to the 6 minor points raised and these are in bold, underlined text in the newer version that we shall upload. We refer to them, individually, below. We have not, in the end, seen good reasons to change our paper according to the 3 discretionary suggestions.

We will send you, as an e-mail attachment, a word file of the paper showing the amendments we have made as well as submitting the revised paper via your submissions website (which seems to obliterate any boldening or underlining of text).

Major compulsory revision - We have left the original table 4 as we felt that it was the only way to present the information with appropriate brevity. Nevertheless we do recognise the ideal need for more information and this is now given very fully in an additional, multiple, table - 5 a-j. This clearly shows the derivation of our conclusions but is, perhaps, too cumbersome to publish as per - we leave that as an editorial decision.

Minor revisions

Item 4. See our text change.

Item 5. See our text changes.

Item 6. See our text changes.

Item 7. Reference 4 is not actually mis-quoted - reference to the conclusions of this paper will find the following phrase - 'Housing tenure, maternal education, and ethnic group are significantly associated with breastfeeding prevalence at four months.' We have, however, now read the PROBIT paper that your referee advocates and incorporated it in our citations.

Item 8. See our text change.

Item 9. See our text changes.