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To
The Editorial in Chief
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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to submit our final manuscript for publication in BMC Women’s Health Journal entitled “Reasons for non-use of condoms and self-efficacy among female sex workers: a qualitative study in Nepal” according to the reviewer’s suggestion. This manuscript is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We would like to sincerely offer thanks to the reviewers and all staff of BMC Women’s Health Journal for their help and consideration in publication of this Journal.

Yours sincerely,

Laxmi Ghimire (first author)

Please find a step by step answer to reviewer’s comments:

Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

Title page: please include a title page in the manuscript file. This should contain; Title, Author list, Affiliations, E-mail addresses

New text:

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Changes needed:

on page 3 just above methods ref 45 is out of place.

Just remove the reference there, as it has been used later in the text. Since I changed the grammar too, the new text without reference should read:

“This paper presents individual, structural and cultural factors facilitating and creating barriers to condom use among FSWs in the Kathmandu Valley.”

Pages 5-6 the sentence:

In fact, they used condoms only if their clients demanded that they use them, they (clients) did not demand that condoms to be used.

Should read:

In fact, FSWs used condoms only if their clients demanded that they use them, and clients generally did not demand that condoms to be used.

References: Please provide functional links to references 9 and 11 (Edwin: done, see below).

Ref. 9 should be:


Ref. 11 should be:
Ref. 12 should be:

Ref 37 should be:

Ref. 38 should be:

Ref 44 should be:

Ref 49 should be:

Ref 50 should be:

Ref 51 should be:
Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of the FSWs Interviewed

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