Author’s response to reviews

Title: The impact of transmural multiprofessional simulation-based obstetric team training on perinatal outcome and quality of care in the Netherlands.

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Dear Peter O'Donovan,

We would like to submit our study protocol with the title:

*The impact of transmural multiprofessional simulation-based obstetric team training on perinatal outcome and quality of care in the Netherlands.*

We think publication of this article and performing this study will be contributing to understanding the effect of multiprofessional obstetric team training on patient outcome and quality of care. Beside this, it will contribute to obtain more insight in developing the ultimate team training in the field of obstetrics.

We provide the requested responses to the questions sent by mail at July 23, 2014:

**2. Study Protocol Proofs**

1. Ethical and Funding Approval Documentation
   On request of the Editorial Board, we forwarded copies of all ethical approval and funding approval to
   `BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com`
   We are still waiting for a signed English translation of the fundal approval, which will be send by mail as soon as possible.

2. Funding
   The study is supported by governmental funding (ZonMw, the Netherlands Organization for Health, Research and Development, project number 2009020010). The study protocol has been peer-reviewed by this organization.

3. Study status
   The study is ongoing. First trainings have been performed.

4. Related Articles
No publications containing the results of this study have been published or submitted.

3. Consent
We have added the following text in the Manuscript, section Methods: 
*The Ethical committee did agree that specific ethical approval is not required for this type of study in The Netherlands. Because the study does not interfere with patient care, written informed consent of the participants of the training (care givers) is not indicated.*

4. Trial Registration Number (TRN):
We included the trial registration number and registration date in the last section of the abstract.

Furthermore, we would like to reply to your feeling that this manuscript is out of scope for BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth and your suggestion for submission to BMC Medical Education:
We doubt if the manuscript is out of scope for BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth because of the following reasons:
1. Since the Netherlands have a high rate of perinatal death, a Committee Project group Pregnancy and Birth was started and a nation-wide research programme on pregnancy and birth of the Netherlands Organization for Health, Research and Development (ZonMw) was developed. Our study project is part of this research program. The main goal is to improve quality of obstetric care in the Netherlands. Since the primary outcome of our study is perinatal outcome, we think this manuscript fits well in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.
2. It is very important to reach the obstetric caregivers in the Netherlands: midwives and gynaecologists. They will be reached more by BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.
3. BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth has published another study protocol concerning obstetric team training:
   Our current study is an extension of this study.

If you still think our manuscript is out of scope for BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, we would agree with submitting to BMC Medical Education.

Yours sincerely,