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We would like to thank the reviewers for their last comments. Below, we explain how we responded to the reviewers’ comments. The changes in the text are highlighted.
Comments Version 2
Reviewer Therese Wiegers:

1. the term ‘reports of parturition’ has been changed in ‘birth registration forms’, but not throughout the text: see page 7, line 13 and line 14, and page 11, line 2 and line 5

Response 1.1
We changed this in the text.

2. the term ‘maternity care’ has been changed in ‘maternity care assistance’, but again, not consistently, see page 12, line 5, page 13, line 6, and the tables 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Response 1.2
We also changed these terms in the text.

3. One last remark: on page 11, line 12: employment is mentioned as one of the factors in table 3 but there are no data about employment in that table.

Response 1.3
We omitted ‘employment’ because we agree with the reviewer that there are no data about employment in the table.
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Reviewer Miranda Mugford:

We made the minor changes in the text and in the table 4.