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Title: Care Seeking Behaviour for Childhood Illness- A Questionnaire Survey in Western Nepal

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Dear Dr. Pavithra Mohan,

I sincerely thank you for your Valuable suggestions given to revise my manuscript at the BMC international health and human rights.

I accept to make all the major compulsory revisions suggested.

Here by I am submitting the point by point explanation as to what how the revisions have been made in the Manuscript.

METHODOLOGY:

An upfront model of predictors of care seeking behaviour has been included. We included appropriate and prompt care in the regression model separately.

However the no of cases in ‘Appropriate and Prompt care’ was too small i.e. 33 out of 292. Hence it was not included in the regression analysis.

perceived severity of severity and gender of the child have been included in the regression model.

The dependant variables have been treated as both continuous and more number of categories but not as dichotomized variables.

The outcome variables are classified as suggested and promptness is also considered in the analysis.

Outcomes variables are: Appropriate care, prompt care and Appropriate and prompt care.

RESULTS:

A table on background characteristics of the mothers according the three outcome variables has been included.

The section on the classification of variables has been Deleted and section on Definition of Outcome variables was Included.

The section on data analysis has been revised accordingly.

The appropriate changes have been made in other sections of the manuscript.