Author's response to reviews

Title: Birth in Brazil: national survey into labour and birth

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We should like to thank Dr Justus Hofmeyr and Dr Michael Mbizvo for their review of the manuscript.

Our responses and changes made have been included in bold type.

Reviewer's report
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Reviewer: Justus Hofmeyr

Reviewer's report:
The protocol describes an important study to determine the reasons for and the consequences of excessive use of CS for childbirth.

The design and analysis plan of the study appear appropriate.

It was not clear to me from reading the report at what stage the study is. Judging from the tenses used, it appears that the data collection has been done, but the analysis has yet to be done. It is important to clarify the time period of the study.

Reply: on page 9 we included the following sentence.

“Time period of the study
  Data collection started in February 2011 and finished in July 2012.
  Data is being prepared for analysis.”

There are also several minor grammatical errors which should be corrected.

Reply: The entire manuscript has been reviewed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being Published
Reply: The entire manuscript has been reviewed.

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:
No competing interest known
Reviewer's report
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Reviewer's report:
Revisions for consistency suggested.

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**Reply: The entire manuscript has been reviewed.**

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I have no conflict of interest.