Author’s response to reviews

Title: The global effect of maternal education on complete childhood vaccination: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your comments following the first resubmission of our manuscript, ‘The Global effect of maternal education on complete childhood vaccination: a systematic review and meta-analysis’. We are pleased to resubmit the updated manuscript with the following changes made in response to your comments.

“Please check the wording in lines 266-267”

>>> We’ve changed the wording in this line (now line 265) so that it reads better.

"For the results on timing and setting where the CIs overlap, I don't think you can say 'showing no true difference'. There may truly be a difference, especially in the setting analysis where the number of studies is small, but you were unable to detect it perhaps due to a lack of power. Or, there may truly be no difference. From a statistical perspective you were unable to reject the null hypothesis that the results are the same. My suggestion would be to say there was no statistically significant difference in the ORs."

>>> The sections for timing and setting have been re-worded following your suggestion. (Lines 208-209, and 215-216)

"The figure legends are much clearer. However, it would be better if there was consistency in the headings for all Forest plots."
The headings for the Forest plots have been edited in the body of the manuscript to improve consistency. Please see Lines 186-187 and Line 192.

When re-reading the manuscript, we decided to re-word lines 278-285 so that they would read better.

Thank you again for your feedback, please let us know if there are any further changes you would like us to make. We look forward to hearing your decision on our manuscript.

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Kind regards,

The authors