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Title: Victorian Paramedics' Encounters and Management of Labouring Women: An Epidemiological Study

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Dear Editors,

Thank you for reviewing and providing feedback on the submission:

“VICTORIAN PARAMEDICS’ ENCOUNTERS AND MANAGEMENT OF LABOURING WOMEN: AN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY”

I apologise for any inconvenience caused during the submission process.

This manuscript is original research reporting upon findings as part of a PhD presently investigating emergency maternity care provided by paramedics in Victoria, Australia.

As described previously there is a lack of literature published specifically about paramedics’ encounters and management of women in labour. As well as reporting Victorian paramedics’ encounters with women in all stages of labour, this report highlights the importance of education about maternity care in paramedics’ curriculum.

Ethics approval has been given by Monash University. This study is not under review by any other journals.

The required changes have been made to this resubmission:

1. **Requesting for Line Numbering**
   Line and page numbers have been included as requested

2. **Competing Interest**
   Although there are no financial competing interests, the authors have included a statement of acknowledgement to Ambulance Victoria. The authors have also made a statement regarding the research is part of a PhD investigating the emergency maternity care provided by Victorian paramedics.

3. **Author’s Contribution**
   As requested, a statement about the authors contributions hiss been included at the end of the manuscript prior to the references.

4. **Title Page in manuscript**
   As required, a title page has been included at the beginning of the manuscript

5. **Abstract**
   As requested, an abstract has been included in the manuscript, according to the guidelines for medical journals – Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions. The same abstract will be found in the submission and the manuscript.

Regards
Gayle McLelland