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Janelyn Ann Cruz
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Dear Ms. Cruz,

Thank you very much for the helpful comments concerning our paper- "Levels and determinants of completing the continuum of care for maternal and newborn health in Cambodia-evidence from a population-based survey"

We have revised the paper and are submitting it again for your review. Your comment on the selection of variables in the multivariate models has been addressed, and our response follows.

Comment:

Thanks for submitting this promising paper to BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. I would like you to consider or *make the following changes before the manuscript is considered for peer review:

*1 "Predictors in the models include women's socio-demographic characteristics, urban-rural residence, household wealth quintile, health insurance coverage, and exposure to mass media." Please explain your multivariable modelling strategy. Which inclusion criteria did you use, i.e. how did you decide which variables to be considered for inclusion into the multivariable model; which exclusion criteria did you use, i.e. how did you decide whether a variable should be kept in the final model or be excluded from it. If you have used statistical tests for any of these decisions, state which one(s).

If you decide to revise and re-submit the manuscript, please provide in an accompanying letter a point-by-point response how you have taken accepted requests for revision into account, or why you have rebuffed the requests.

We select variables for inclusion into the multivariate models based on the literature and statistical tests. Please see the revised third paragraph on page 5 for more details.

Thanks!