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Anne Menard
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Re: Manuscript ID: PRCH-D-16-00883R3

Leiden, May 27th, 2017

Dear Ms Menard,

Enclosed please find our revised version of Manuscript ID: PRCH-D-16-00883R3, entitled “Defining and describing birth centres in the Netherlands - a component study of the Dutch Birth Centre Study”
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise and resubmit this manuscript. We appreciate the time and detail provided by the reviewers.

We carried out a few minor revisions. A detailed response to each point raised can be find below.

Kind regards,

On behalf of all authors,

Marieke Hermus, RM, MS

Reviewer:

We have noted that there is a discrepancy between the "Ethical approval" section in the main text and the "Ethics approval and consent to participate" section in the Declarations. Also, a new reference has been used in the Ethics approval and consent to participate, but not in the Ethical Approval section in the main text. Please ensure that these two sections are the same.

Reply: We revised the “ethical approval and consent to participate” section to make sure that both sections (ethical approval in the main text and “ethics approval and consent to participate”) are the same; We also double checked the references in the whole article.