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Re.: PRCH-D-18-01086-R1, High risk pregnancy associated perinatal morbidity and mortality: A second birth population-based survey in Huai’an in 2015

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Dear Prof. K Wallace,

Thank you very much for giving us another opportunity to revise our manuscript "High risk pregnancy associated perinatal morbidity and mortality: A second birth population-based survey in Huai’an in 2015" (PRCH-D-18-01086-R1).

I have included our response to the reviewer 2 below for our revised manuscript (R2). I hope these changes are adequate to the comments by the reviewer to whom we are grateful.

The R2 manuscript body is re-submitted and highlighted part can easily be set off for the color background. All the co-authors have approved the final version.

I am looking forward to your further decision and any further queries.

With kind regards.

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Authors reply to each query and additional changes.

To the referee 2’s comments, in our further revised manuscript (R2), we have made following changes:

Page 6, line 4 of the paragraph under section title of “definition of vital statistics…”, GA <36 complete weeks is changed to GA <37 complete weeks; for neonatal mortality, in the same page, line 4 from the bottom of the same paragraph, a phrase is added as “…, in the first 28 days of postnatal life, per 1,000…”.

Additional change:

Page 13, second paragraph, line 3-4 from bottom, “yet to be adopted” is changed to is not yet, but preferably, adopted….., to better explain the meaning of the sentence in the context.

Total word count for body text is changed to 3,785 in the meta data on page 2.