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Dear reviewer,

Thank you for having commented our paper.

Would you please find below the detailed answers to your comments. The corrections are highlighted in the text of the revised manuscript.

We hope that this revised version will respond satisfactorily to your comments.

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Reviewer: Masamine Jimba

Reviewer's report:
Thank you for your great efforts to revise this manuscript. The revised text is greatly improved. Please see a few additional comments.

1 L242
The authors may add the names Naxaithong and Sangthong for aOR-3.3.... and aOR 7.5....

The names of the district were added in the sentence (L 243).

2 L245 Sikhottabong or Sikhotabong. Please check the spelling.
In documents from the Lao Statistics Bureau, the district is spelled ‘Sikhotabong’. We have checked and harmonized all the district names’ spelling in the revised manuscript according to the documents of the LSB.

In Table 4, aOR of Sikhotabong is 1.7, but in the text it is written 4.5. Which is true?
According to the explanation in L132, Xaysetha and Sikhotabong are urban, Naxaithong-periurban, and Sangthon-rural. In Table 4, Xaysetha is a base category, but in here Sikhotabong seems to be considered a base category. As the influence of living in rural district is already explained in L242 and 243, a sentence starting from L245 may be removed.

The two aORs are correct but one compares Sikhottabong vs Xaysetha (aOR=1.7, Xaysetha as base category, shown in Table 4) and the other one compares Sangthon vs Sikhottabong (aOR=4.5, Sikhottabong as base category, not shown in Table 4). We had added this sentence showing the results with Sikhottabong district as a base (L245) because it was requested in the first revision of this manuscript (question number 4). In addition, we discussed this in L324-328 and we think it is important to keep this in the manuscript. However, it is true that this paragraph is confusing.
Consequently, we have moved the location of ‘Table 4’ in the sentence and we have also added the aOR for the comparison between Naxaithong and
Sikhottabong (aOR=1.9 (95% CI=0.7-5.7)Sikhottabong as base category) in the revised manuscript (L248-249).

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