Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors associated with maternal anaemia among pregnant women in Dhaka city

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To
The Editor
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Subject: Submission of Modified Article

Dear Sir,

We undersigned the authors of the article entitled ‘Factors associated with maternal anaemia among pregnant women in Dhaka city’ modified the article according to your comments and submitting for your kind consideration and necessary action. In this regard, we also prepared reply which is given below.

Kind regards
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We note that table 3 has been removed from the manuscript. Please ensure that table 3 is included within the paper since this table contained the main results. The inclusion of table 2 alone is not sufficient and it is difficult to interpret. Please ensure that the results section is revised accordingly.

Reply: We have reanalyzed and Table 3 has been included in the manuscript.

I agree with one of the reviewers. The results of the regression analysis should be presented.

The result of the chi-square tests (Table 2) has problems. Some of the cells contain a value less than 5. So chi-square tests are not suitable.

Reply: The results of the regression (Table 3) analysis have been included and the chi-square tests (Table 2) also have been rearranged.

The authors divided age into two categories, younger than 25 (age 15-24) and age 25 and older (age 25-49). But a woman aged 25 and a woman aged 49 can be very different each other in terms of health. I do not believe the age categories would work to examine maternal anemia.

Reply: Mean age of the respondents is 26.4± 2.81 and range is 20-35. It has added in the table 1.

There were 21 illiterate participants. It is not clear how these illiterate participants gave written informed consent and filled a semi-structured questionnaire.

Reply: At first, researcher explained the objective as well as the nature of the study to the study participants. 21 illiterate participants agreed to take part of this study those can only sign their name. It was not self administered questionnaire; was a face to face and therefore this semi-structured questionnaire was filled-up by the researcher.

Please clarify the means of consent obtained for this study and confirm if the ethics committee approved this form of patient/participant consent.

Reply: Yes, the study approved by the Ethical Review Committee of Diabetic association of Bangladesh (BADAS) and the authority of antenatal clinic of the Marie Stops of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The result section does not really explain results.

Reply: All appropriate analysis has done in the result section.