Author’s response to reviews

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Cover letter to the Reviewers

Respected Sam Rolando and Roger Rochart,

Dear reviewers

Thank you very much for diligent care and effort to review the Manuscript of Trends of CAC Services and characteristics of Women receiving Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) Services in a tertiary Hospital, Nepal. I have revised the manuscript according to your comments as much as I could. I hope it works. Point by point response to both reviewers is explained below. Thank you once again.

Point by point response to Sam Rolands (Reviewer 1):

1. The grammar with definite and infinite article is used throughout the article.

2. The ethnic group in table 1 was explained.

3. The prevalence of abortion complications is corrected with Incidence.

4. All the figures were kept with legends and figure one is deleted.

5. Developing countries are referred as low resource countries.

6. Reference 1 was deleted as stated outdated by reviewer and Ganata et al, the lancet 2017, was incorporated as 24, 3 million abortions in low resource countries are unsafe.

7. Nepalese reference 2-4 is removed as 5-10 years old and new references are added.

8. The systematic review of mid level providers by Sjostron et al in BJOG in 2017 was added in references.
9. Two Key WHO documents: Clinical practice handbook for safe abortion 2014 and Health Workers role in providing safe abortion care and post abortion care contraception were added in references.

10. The internationally accepted abbreviation for an intra uterine device is IUD was written instead of IUCD.

11. An attempt was made to determine significance of difference in complication rates among nurses and doctors.

12. Instead of methyl ergonovine which was mistakenly written oxytocin was written for the treatment of uterine bleeding management.

Point by point response to Roger Rochart (Reviewer two):

1. Most critically commented 88% of women were primigravid was corrected as it was wrongly written. The actual percentage of primigravid was 16% and 84% were multigravid. 55% completed the family.

2. The conclusion statement was changed as reviewer’s suggestion.

3. The author does not have any unstated reasons to promote nurses as providers of CAC services.

4. Some citations of published experiences of non doctor CAC providers were incorporated in the manuscript in reference no. 23 and 24.