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Title: MANAGEMENT OF SEXUAL PARTNERS OF PREGNANT WOMEN WITH SYPHILIS IN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL - A QUALITATIVE STUDY

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Dear Editor and Reviewers of the BMC Health Services Research Journal,

We are resubmitting the manuscript entitled “MANAGEMENT OF SEXUAL PARTNERS OF PREGNANT WOMEN WITH SYPHILIS IN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL - A QUALITATIVE STUDY” (BHSR-D-18-00060). We appreciate the reviewers’ comments and contributions and would like to point out that the suggested recommendations were promptly addressed, aiming to achieving a more consistent text.

Please find below the answers according to the reviewers’ opinions and questions. All changes that we have done are marked in red in the text.

Yours Sincerely,

Editor Comments:

Your manuscript is much improved by your amendments, however please read your manuscript carefully and check thoroughly and amend any spelling and grammar errors, these errors detract
from the manuscript and suggest a lack of care. We advise that you enlist the help from someone whose first language is English. The errors below should be corrected before resubmission.

Remove the text above Figure 1 that is not in English. - We have removed any word that was not in English.

Abstract line 39 remove of before health services. - We have done this.

Line 41 North Eastern should be two separate words. - We use this term to refer to the region of Brazil where the study was conducted, and to the best of our knowledge this is the correct term in English (“northeastern” region), and this information was confirmed by our colleague who is a native speaker.

Line 52 Remove s from conducts. - We have done this.

Line 122 change ‘despite syphilis in pregnancy has been subject to’ to ‘despite syphilis in pregnancy being subject to. - We have done this.

Line 123 subnotification should be hyphenated sub-notification. - We have done this.

Line 125 amend ‘data was’ to ‘data were’ (data are always plural). - We have done this.

Line 152 ‘and let the women more comfortable to express themselves’ amend to ‘and help the women feel more comfortable expressing themselves’. - We have done this.

Remove ‘free’ from line 186. - We have done this.

Line 293-294 “Out of fear of how their partners would react, or for insecurity to explain about the diagnosis, the women stated to feel uncomfortable to talk to their partners.” Please amend to “Possibly out of fear of how their partners would react, or insecurity in explaining about their diagnosis, the women seemed to feel uncomfortable about talking to their partners.” - We have done this.

Line 295 change ‘moment’ to ‘situation’ and ‘to look for help’ to ‘they looked for help’ - We have done this.

Line 422 amend “and the difficulties to deal with issues” to “and difficulties in dealing with issues”. - We have done this.

Line 426 amend “It is defended, nonetheless, that primary care is a privileged 426 place to treat pregnant women with syphilis and their sexual partners to “It has been suggested, nonetheless, that primary care is the best place to treat pregnant women with syphilis and their sexual partners”. - We have done this.
Line 452 amend “This strategy prevents health care providers from notifying the partner to attend the health care center only after the diagnosis of the pregnant woman.” To “This strategy removes the need to request partner attendance at the health care center following diagnosis of the pregnant woman. - We have done this.

Line 484 remove the second ‘e’ from present. - We have done this.