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Dear Editor,

We are very grateful for your positive response to our manuscript, “Improving post-partum family planning services provided by female community health volunteers in Nepal: A mixed methods study”.


We hope our responses and revised manuscript will meet the publishable quality standards. Below please find our responses to the editor’s and reviewer’s comments. Attached herewith is our revised manuscript in a clean format.

Sincerely yours,

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Editor’s comments

1. Copy edit

-- Please carefully proofread your manuscript to check for any typos, grammar errors etc.

Response

Thanks for the suggestion. We have carefully proofread our manuscript and corrected the errors.

2. Questionnaires

Please clarify whether the questionnaires/interview guide used in your study was developed for this study or has previously been published elsewhere. If the questionnaire/interview guide has been published elsewhere please provide a reference to it in your manuscript, if the questionnaire was developed for this study please upload an English language version as a supplementary file.

Response

Thank you for the suggestion. The questionnaires for quantitative study and interview guides for qualitative study were developed for this study. We have uploaded an English versions as supplementary files.

3. Authors' contributions
The Author contribution section includes reference to AK as an author, who is not listed as an author elsewhere. Please clarify whether AK should be included as an author for this manuscript, or whether this is a typo and should refer to the author Sabaratnam Arulkumaran.

Response

Thank you for pointing this typo. It is referred to the author Sabaratnam Arulkumaran and has been changed to SA accordingly.

4. Table 6

We note that table 6 is not currently cited within the main text. Please rectify this in the revised manuscript.

Response

Thank you for pointing this. We have now cited Table 6 in the main text (Qualitative results, page 25, line 421).

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Response

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Sharon Mary Brownie, RN, RM, BEd, MEd Admin, M Hth S Mgt, MA Mgt (N), G (Reviewer 4): Authors have satisfactorily addressed recommendations in the previous reviews. A couple of small typos remain but these should be picked up in a copy editing process.

Response

Thank you for your positive response. We have proofread and corrected the minor errors in the revised manuscript.