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Corrections completed as suggested by the reviewer.

Thank you for the detailed review and for all the corrections pointed out. I’m sure they helped to improve the article very well.

The article was taken into the same font.

Line number 55- Changed as membership in local community groups.

Line 73-74- changed as coverage of maternal health services

Line 268-271-necessary information included.

Line 389-98- Fully agree. This paragraph was included as a request to a previous reviewer asking to make it clear at the beginning of methods.
Line 482 comment 10 and 14 - These are abbreviations used by the authors to represent different communities, which is given in the methods section. The community names represented by these abbreviations are given in the list of abbreviations. We think it is unethical to indicate the full name of the community with verbatim as it may expose the identity especially of public health personnel.

Line 776-779 - The sentence was modified. “It was also observe that the Sri Lankan public health system, by providing universal health coverage, has been able to overcome the major health related disadvantages that are created through socio-economic inequalities of pregnant women.

Line 784-7 comment 25,26 - These are conclusions from the present study. The sentence was modified.