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Title: Barriers and enablers in the implementation of a program to reduce cesarean deliveries

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Herewith please find the revised version of our manuscript entitled “Barriers and enablers in the implementation of a program to reduce cesarean deliveries”. All changes requested have been made in the Word document, and a point-by-point response to reviewers’ comments is provided below. We hope you will find our responses and modifications to be suitable.

We remain at your disposal for any further corrections/clarifications to our manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration of this revised manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

Clara Bermudez-Tamayo
Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #1: Congratulations for the manuscript! Interesting Topic, well written and understandable and of general interest paper.

Reply: Thanks.

Reviewer #2: The revision has addressed many of the reviewers' concerns. There are still some of mine that I think could be more fully addressed.

1- Material and Methods

The description of the sample.

There must be a mistake in the text added. You have added that sample has an average of 45.6 years of working professional experience. This is impossible because the oldest professional is 55 years old.

I think you should add professional experience (years) in table 3.

Reply: corrected

Methods- Information gathering procedure.

Line 207: You must write "Interviewers" instead of "Iinterviewers"

Reply: corrected

2- Discussion

The paragraph of limitations should appear at the end of the discussion section.
There are a lot of studies which have compared midwife led care with medical led care. Some of them have been conducted in Spain:

- Comparative study analysing women's childbirth satisfaction and obstetric outcomes across two different models of maternity care.

Conesa Ferrer MB, Caneras Jordana M, Ballesteros Meseguer C, Carrillo García C, Martínez Roche ME.


- Midwife-led continuity models versus other models of care for childbearing women.

Sandall J, Soltani H, Gates S, Shennan A, Devane D.


- A Comparison of Midwife-Led and Medical-Led Models of Care and Their Relationship to Adverse Fetal and Neonatal Outcomes: A Retrospective Cohort Study in New Zealand.

Wernham E, Gurney J, Stanley J, Ellison-Loschmann L, Sarfati D.


3- Ethics approval and consent to participate
4- Results

In tables 1, 4 and 5 should appear the same dimensions and avoid varying the name of the items, e.g. "Factors related to the motivation and attitudes of healthcare professionals" (Table 1), "At the professional and individual level". There must be coherence in the use of terms and titles given to items along the whole article.

Reply: We have changed the dimensions, as follows:

- Factors related to healthcare policy and management
- Factors related to hospital characteristics
- Factors related to the motivation and attitudes of healthcare professionals
- Factors related to the women giving birth and their families

There are some differences between the items considered in each dimension explored in the interview script, and the final sections extracted from the discourses. Those differences are typical of the qualitative methodology used.