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Dear Prof. José M Belizán

Please find the revised manuscript entitled "Respectful maternity care and its related factors in maternal units of public and private hospitals in Tabriz: a sequential explanatory mixed method study protocol" We have carefully considered the editors' comments and have addressed them in the following attachment. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in the Journal. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Response to reviewers and editor
We thank you for their highly insightful comments which have enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. In the following are our point-by-point responses to each of the comments.

Editor comments:

This phrase in the discussion section should be removed: "This is the first study to use a mixed approach for assessing D&A and RMC and its related factors" We don't agree with this statements unless there is evidence that they have conducted a quality-systematic review.

We have removed it in the abstract and plain English summary.

Thanks