Author’s response to reviews

Title: Barrier, Weakness and Utilization of Pre-Pregnancy Clinic Services

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Authors Action

1 Editor: please remove "in Sarawak, Malaysia" from the title.

Action taken: “in Sarawak, Malaysia” has been removed from title

2 Introduction

I do not understand the interest of the second paragraph in this section. Please add the meaning of the abbreviation "PPC" in this section. The introduction could be more specific and focused on the interest of the study and the objective.

Action taken: Introduction has been rewritten and marked as red colour. Meaning of PPC explained here.

3 Materials and Methods

My major concern is that the methodology is very non-detailed:

- How were health care facilities selected throughout Sarawak?

-How was the number of participants determined? Indeed, many studies require "saturation" of thematic material.

-How was the coding done? There are numerous methodological texts and article on how to conduct such research, but it is not clear that any of these were applied in this study.

-It would also be helpful to know if any of the authors were trained in qualitative data analysis.
Action taken: The methodology section has been rewritten accordingly e.g. sampling procedure, qualitative analysis. Yes, second author is trained in qualitative analysis.

4 Results

Please add the reference to Table 1 in the text.

In my opinion, the organization of the titles and subtitles is not clear enough in the Results section.

Please remove all the literature's references in the results section (e.g. page 6, line 7, 9 & 43).

Action taken: Modified the results as per instruction. The references in the results has been removed.

5 Discussion and conclusion

More integration of your research findings with the literature is needed.

There needs to be a section on study limitations in the Discussion.

The conclusion should be a little more detailed, specific and centered on the main results of the study.

Action taken: The discussion section has been re-organized and re-written. Study limitations has been added. Conclusion of the study has been extended.