Author’s response to reviews

Title: Challenges and Opportunities towards the road of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Nepal: a systematic review

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Reviewer -1

This revised version of the paper is much better but it still needs some more work in three areas before acceptance:

1) Another round of careful editing is necessary to polish the manuscript - still few rough spots.

Response: Thank you, we minutely examined those spots has been cleared. Some space, spelling, syntax may appear due to different version of windows but we are committed to purify during proof reading time if any.

2) The Discussion section could be expanded more fully using Tables 1, 2, 3

Response: We have added some research papers related to results (table 1,2 and 3) in discussion section.

3) Tables 1,2,3 should be more fully integrated in the body of the article which would lead to less text in the table and a more robust analysis.
Response: It could be a great idea to merge the table 1, 2, and 3, but for the policy and program intervention, clustering of challenges and those opportunities would be better to the path of UHC in Nepal. For the resource allocation and assistance from external development partners, they choose their area and support for health system strengthening.

Reviewer 3

Dear Authors,

At the due time, I thank you for your comment to the revision that I hope had contributed to the reachability of the results of your work to the international community reading the Archives of Public Health.

I appreciate the significant effort you have done to address all major and minor comments. I have recommended the acceptance of the manuscript for publication although there are still some, indeed minor, issues concerning orthographic or typographic errors that I would suggest to address before release.

Response: We are indebted with you about your supportive and suggestive review model and we corrected the errors as you mentioned in red color.

Please, see below:

1-- In the Abstract section, page 2, line 38, by the meaning of the sentences I would say it is "(...) proportion of the population outside the country are main challenges.", and not "countries". Please, review this sentences.

Response: Thanks, we corrected it.

2-- In the Background section, page 4, line 18, please correct "More than two-thirds of the population (...)"

Response: Thanks, we revised it.
3-- In the Background section, page 4, line 52, please add the denominator in "total fertility rate (TFR) 2.18/1000 women (...)"; and add also a space character behind "(...) population growth rate 1.74% [22]." in order to improve the readability of the sentence.

Response:

Thank you, we mentioned 2.18 children/women (https://nepal.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/NDHS%202016%20key%20findings.pdf) and added space. The unit of TFR is …children/women.

4-- In the Background section, page 4, lines 56 and 57. I want to apologise but I think you did not understand my comment on rephrasing this sentence as I was not suggesting to include anything here but for you to review the meaning of the text and try to rephrase it in a way it could be easily understood. Please, review and rephrase the sentence accordingly.

Response: Thank you, we revised it and made simple.

5-- In the Methodology section, page 5, lines 20 to 22, please put ALL the keywords reported between quotation marks.

Response: Thanks we put the word "all" as all following key words:…..

6-- In the Methodology section, page 5, line 40, please correct the typo on "data" by "date", as you are referring in fact to the search by date.

Response: Thanks we made the date and erase the data.

7-- In the Results section, page 7, line 8, please separate the 3 different dimensions by ";;" as you are listing them.

Response: Thanks we changed.

8-- In the Results section, page 7, line 47, please add 'a' to the sentence "It is necessary a strong government leadership (...)

Response: Thanks we added it.
9-- In the Discussion section, page 8, line 42, please write "Developed" on small-caps as it is not starting the sentence.

Response: Thank you we corrected it.

Congratulations on your study and kind regards.

Thank you so much and we wish "Happy New Year 2019".