Author's response to reviews

Title: Adjusting for under-identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births in time series produced from birth records: using record linkage of survey data and administrative data sources

Authors:

David Lawrence (dlawrence@ichr.uwa.edu.au)
Daniel Christensen (dchristensen@ichr.uwa.edu.au)
Francis Mitrou (francism@ichr.uwa.edu.au)
Glenn Draper (glenn.draper@abs.gov.au)
Geoff Davis (Geoff.Davis@health.wa.gov.au)
Sybille McKeown (sybille.mckeown@abs.gov.au)
Daniel McAullay (d.mcaullay@ecu.edu.au)
Glenn Pearson (glennp@ichr.uwa.edu.au)
Stephen R Zubrick (steve@ichr.uwa.edu.au)

Version: 4 Date: 25 June 2012

Author's response to reviews: see over
Thank you for re-reviewing our manuscript. We have made the following changes to the paper in light of the reviewer’s additional comments.

**Reviewer 1**

1. Methods, Adjusting administrative-based time series, last paragraph. ‘fit’ should be replaced with fitted.

This has been done.

1. Results, Time Series of low birth weight and low gestational age babies. The second half of the first paragraph and the first half of the second paragraph repeat material already presented in the methods. This could be substantially reduced by cross-referencing to the relevant part of the methods.

We have removed this material from the results section and integrated it into the methods section of the paper.

**Reviewer 4**

a) Methods material is still present in the Results section - section “Time series of low birth weight gestational age babies”, first paragraph, page 21.

As noted above we have removed this material from the results section and integrated it into the methods section of the paper.


The reference has been updated.