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Dear Editor,

Thank you for reviewing our revised manuscript (manuscript number 1228890694225857) entitled Individual Patient Data meta-analysis of diagnostic and prognostic studies in obstetrics, gynaecology and reproductive medicine that we have submitted for publication to BMC Medical Research Methodology. We have read your comments and the comments of the reviewer with interest and we have tried to adjust the manuscript accordingly.

Included you find an adjusted draft of the manuscript. We have marked out the adjustments that have been made in the revised manuscript.

Our reply to the comments of the referee is summarised below.

Reviewer 1

The reviewer asks for a more detailed methods section for the four separate IPD meta-analyses, especially with respect to the data items that will be collected and the analyses that will be performed.

We agree that for some sections our manuscript outlined process rather than methods. We have therefore adjusted the methods section of the manuscript by re-organising the (general) methods section for the four clinical problems (see page 10 till 14) and adding a more detailed description on each of them (see page 14 till 18). In this section, we have described for each of the subjects data that will be collected as well as a detailed description of the planned analyses.

We replaced the overview of the titles of the four clinical problems from the objectives part (page 7) to the introduction part (page 5 till 6) because we think we have to mention the four problems as soon as possible.
We hope that these adjustments make the manuscript suitable for publication in your journal, and we look forward to your final decision on the manuscript.

On behalf of the other authors, yours sincerely,

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