Author's response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Hershcovici,

Enclosed we submit our revised manuscript MS: 1991130919736447. “A prospective longitudinal cohort study: Evolution of GERD Symptoms during the course of pregnancy.”

We would like to thank you and the reviewers Fabio Pace and Ram Dickman for their positive and constructive comments. We replied point by point to these comments in the attachment. We hope the paper is now suitable for publication in your journal.

Our best regards

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Reply to Reviewers:

- Both reviewers asked for more details about the medications used in pregnancy. We added a new table providing these details as requested. The new table is now table 4, and the former table 4 is now table 5.
- Dr. Pace asked to rephrase the discussion with special regards to current safety data on PPIs. We have done accordingly and rephrased the last paragraph of the discussion on page 8.
- Reply to Dr. Dickman concerning the prevalence of complications related to GERD, rate of admissions due to severe GERD related symptoms, and prevalence of esophagitis: None of the women reported any GERD related complications.