Author's response to reviews

Title: Birth characteristics and the risk of childhood leukaemias and lymphomas in New Zealand: a case-control study.

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Dear Eratxe Puebla,

Re: Birth characteristics and the risk of childhood leukaemias and lymphomas in New Zealand: a case-control study.

Thank you for the good news of accepting our manuscript for publication. The requested changes to the Abstract/Competing interests sections and minor revisions have been made accordingly. In addition the format has been checked again and it is satisfactory. The changes and our responses are detailed below:

1. The Abstract is now under the limit of 350 words.
2. In the Competing interests section, the suggested statement has been used.

REVIEWER: CHARLES A STILLER
1. We have made clearer the usage of the statistical boundaries as suggested.
2. The issue of the definition of parity has now been stated clearly and discussed.
3. We have removed the repetition.

REVIEWER: RICHARD JQ McNALLY
No further changes were requested.

Thank you to both our reviewers for the helpful comments.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Donny IM Wong and John D Dockerty