Author's response to reviews

Title: Congenital anomalies among live births in a polluted area. A ten-year retrospective study

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Dear Prof. Gissler,

Please find attached the revised version of our manuscript “Congenital anomalies in a polluted area. A ten-year retrospective study” - ID 8572986747116042. The changes we made are highlighted using bold and red coloured text.

The revised manuscript includes all the reviewers’ comments.

Best regards,
Emilio Gianicolo on behalf of the authors

C1. One of the main limitations is that the study is restricted to live births. Therefore, I would include 'live births' in the title: Congenital anomalies in among live births in a polluted area. A ten-year retrospective study.
A1 We revised the title accordingly.

C2. Abstract and Table 5: The ORs, O/E ratios and CIs could be given with two decimals only.
A2 We revised abstract and table accordingly.

C3. Page 3: Please clarify: 219.2 ab/km2. I assume this means inhabitants per km2.
A3 Yes, we mean inhabitants per km2. The text has been revised.

C4. Results: Confidence intervals should be given after risk ratios, odds ratios and O/E ratios.
A4 The text was revised accordingly.

C5. Page 7: Here a maximum age of 29 days is given, even though previously the follow-up period was defined 0-28 days, i.e. below 29 days.
A5 The editor is right. The text has been corrected.

C6. Page 9: The third limitation should be started that the data covered live births only.
A6 A sentence has been added in the discussion.

C7. Page 11: Record linkage could be given without capital letters.
A7 The text was revised accordingly.
C8. The references should be given according to journal style. References 27 and 29 should be given more specifically. Reference 43 should include a translation in English.

A8 The text was revised accordingly.

C9. Table 2: Please give the confidence intervals below 100 without the first 0.

A9 The text was revised accordingly.

(1) Please include the name of the ethics committee in the ethics statement of your manuscript.

The name of the ethics committee has been included.