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Dear Editor in Chief,

Re: MS: 4570746386402388.

Thank you for valuable comments. Please find enclosed a further revised edition of our manuscript with the title “Pregnancy related back pain, is it related to aerobic fitness? A longitudinal cohort study”.

Please find our response to the comments by the reviewer Shoreh Jalaie:

Page 2, line 15: changed to “and incidence of back pain during”.

Page 2, line 16: “independent” deleted.

Page 2, line 17-18: changed to “and a direct association in post partum”.

Page 8, line 5: changed to “association between the hazard (incidence) of back pain in any back pain location”.

Page 8, line 21-22: Thank you for noticing this. The grouping is changed to include 2.1 and 2.7 and the figures in the text and figure 2 are changed accordingly.

Page 8, line 22: This part is an illustration of the multiple regression analysis presented in the previous paragraph. In this illustration the same variables were used for adjustment as in the regression analysis. To include or not include reported “physical activity” give the same result.

Page 9, line 4: changed to “… the mean of back pain intensity…”

Figure 2: changed to “…Mean of back pain intensity…”

Yours sincerely,

Per Kristiansson