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Dear Emily,

I am pleased to present the revised manuscript MS: 1205956924481189. Thank you for the opportunity to publish in BMC Pregnancy and Birth. The reviewers' suggestions have been addressed and the revisions as answered below.

1. The authors did not include power calculations, as suggested by the first reviewer. Also their omission should be justified.

The power calculations are in the discussion section associated with the limitations of the study, Page 9.

2. The tables need further improvement. The number of non-respondents in the follow-up should be added to Table 1. Also an explanation, why the total numbers are different in Tables 2 and 3, should be added.

Table 1, 2 and 3 have been revised and the missing values have been added to all tables with an explanation for the difference in response numbers included on page 4.

3. Abstract: The first sentence in Results is complicated, and should be rephrased (e.g. …were 4.58 and 4.22, respectively.)
The suggestion has been enacted.

4. Results: Shorten the fifth sentence by removing the first 'recoding moderate anxiety'.

The repetition has been removed for greater clarity.

5. Check that there is a space comma and add a space after it, where it is missing (e.g. pages 4, 6, 10, 12, and 13).

These formatting issues have been addressed.

6. Include a space before a bracket.

These formatting issues have been addressed.

7. Add a comma after 'et al'.

These formatting issues have been addressed.

8. Add a full stop after reference 64 in page 13.

These formatting issues have been addressed.

9. In Table 1, the categories for weeks in returning back to Australia are not mutually exclusive.

The categories have been adjusted to maintain uniformity of results.