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Title: The Birth Memories and Recall Questionnaire (BirthMARQ): Development and evaluation

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Dear Professor Ingela Lundgren,

Thank you for your email of the 30 April asking us to make the minor changes to our resubmitted manuscript suggested by reviewer 2 (Susanne Grylka-Baeschlin). We have addressed both the suggestions made, as detailed below. For ease we have put the original comments in bold typeface and our responses below. Changes made to the abstract are shown in purple font.

1. The result section of the abstract is more comprehensible. However the added sentences contain repetitive parts because the differences in memory with probable depression and PTSD are small. Could the authors merge these results instead of listing the aspects twice?

The results section of the abstract has been amended to merge the results for women with probable depression and women with probable PTSD where they overlap.

2. There are inconsistent spaces between paragraphs and subchapters in the method as well as in the result chapter. The authors are kindly asked to use a consistent layout.

Spaces have been added between paragraphs in the method and results chapters to make the spacing consistent.

We hope these changes meet your requirements and look forward to hearing back from you.

best wishes

Susan Ayers