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Title: Prenatal Risk Factors for Tourette Syndrome: A Systematic Review

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Reviewer: Michael Bloch

1. Major Comments: We have added the requested information into a table (Table 1) and into the text, including whether pre and perinatal data was collected retrospectively or prospectively, source of data, source of cases vs controls, and outcomes examined.

2. Minor Comment: We mentioned the limitations of the data in the abstract.

3. Minor Comment: The sentence in the introduction on genetic factors was changed.

4. Minor Comment: We have bolded significant p values in the tables.

Reviewer: Carol Mathews

1. Major revisions: We have attempted to re-organize the paper to make it more cohesive. We have included information on the methodological quality of each paper (see Table 1). We have also discussed data on risk factors for TS and comorbid disorders in one section (see Table 2), and data on risk factors for worse TS and comorbidity symptom severity in another section (See Table 3).

2. Minor revisions: We have stated the criteria for full text review.

3. Minor revisions: We have re-organized the data.

4. Minor revision: References inserted

5. Minor revision: The Discussion of the paper was significantly altered. We have synthesized the finding of the results section rather than repeating them.

6. Minor revision: The decimal places in the tables were changed to 2 places. The standard deviations now appear in brackets.

7. Minor revision: The tables have been re-organize