Author's response to reviews

Title: Pregnancy outcome following gestational exposure to azithromycin

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Re: Pregnancy outcome following gestational exposure to azithromycin. Manuscript ID 5202218479304290
Thank you for your interest in our manuscript. The following is our response to your reviewers comments which we have tried to answer as best we can.

Reviewer # 1

1) We agree and have changed the statement from “seems to be safe” to “is not associated with an increase in the rate of major malformations above the baseline of 1-3%.

2) The malformed children were from the URTI group which we have added to the text

3) The treatment regimen for URTI and chlamydia has now been documented in the text

Reviewer # 2

It appears that this reviewer misunderstood some of what was written in the paper and obviously is not familiar with these types of studies

Major compulsory revisions :

1) The title is appropriate to the study as all of the women in the exposed group did take azithromycin during their pregnancy, so we are not prepared to change the title. We feel it was very clear that all the women were exposed to azithromycin, the reviewer misunderstood and thought that the 18% who used the drug for Chlamydia were the only ones exposed

2) We do not feel the discussion should be rewritten for the same reasons that we stated in response #1

3) We have changed the number in each group to 123 rather than the total of 369 to make it clearer and it is the same throughout the paper

Minor essential revisions

1-3) Were corrected when appropriate 4) one women had twins, that is why the numbers were as they were.

Sincerely
Adrienne Einarson