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Dear Dr Hoffmann,

Re: MS: 2111504320216149 Study protocol Study protocol. A prospective cohort study of unselected primiparous women: the pregnancy outcome prediction study (POPS).

With reference to your email dated the 19th of August 2008, please find attached manuscript with the necessary changes made as advised.

We have now amended this paper to expand the section on statistical analysis and power calculations. These are now incorporated into the methods section of the manuscript.

We appreciate your offer to bypass peer review as is often done for protocol papers. However, we feel that the discussion of our protocol versus others is more likely to be of general interest to readers. None of the discussion has previously been peer reviewed and we would feel more comfortable if the paper was subjected to the normal processes of peer review.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

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