Author's response to reviews

Title: Strategies for Recruiting Hispanic Women into a Prospective Cohort Study of Modifiable Risk Factors for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

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Dear Dr. Koutsos:

This letter is to accompany our revised submission of the manuscript “Strategies for Recruiting Hispanic Women into a Prospective Cohort Study of Modifiable Risk Factors for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus," as a research article to *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*.

Below, please find our point by point response to the editor’s concerns.

1. **Scope.** We have now looked over your manuscript and feel that it would be better suited to the scope of two other journals of the BMC series, *BMC Medical Research Methodology* or *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*.

We agree with the editor and approve the transfer of our manuscript for consideration by *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*

2. **Ethics and consent.** We would also like to remind you of our current editorial polices regarding experimental ethics and consent and to ask you to include a statement in the methods section of your manuscript.

We have added a statement to the Methods section (page 5, para 1) indicating that the research was performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee, and documented that informed consent was obtained. Specifically,

“The study protocol and written informed consent statements were approved by the Institutional Review Boards of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Baystate Medical Center.”

Sincerely,

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