Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

With this letter we submit the revised manuscript “Influence of family size and birth order on risk of cancer: a population-based study” for publication in BMC Cancer.

Please find below the point-by-point response to the comments:

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