Author's response to reviews

Title: Growth of a cohort of very low birth weight infants in Johannesburg, South Africa

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To whom it may concern,

RE: Manuscript revisions

The response to the reviewer's comment is addressed below. The change has been highlighted in the text and the format of the manuscript has been checked. In addition, the authors of the paper have decided change the term “corrected for gestational age” to “postmenstrual age” as this is in keeping with current terminology and was in fact suggested by one of the reviewers previously. We hope this revision won’t be problematic.

REVIEWER: PETTERI HOVI

The issue of stunting and how it relates to poor catch up growth has been addressed as follows:

“Our findings do, however, correspond well with the known burden of stunting in South African children.4,13 In a 2008 Unicef report on “The State of the World’s Children”, 25% of South African children under five years of age were reported as being stunted.4”

Kind regards,

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