Author's response to reviews

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Dafne Solera PhD
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Dear Dr Solera,

We thank the reviewers for their support and comments on our manuscript MS: 2042733415570461 -Trends in use of neonatal CPAP: a population-based study. We have responded to the reviewers’ comments below (noting the page numbers of any changes) and highlighted the changes with track changes in the manuscript.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions regarding our manuscript.

Yours sincerely

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**Reviewer #1 – Bradley Manktelow**

*Major Compulsory*
Inconsistent numbers have been checked and corrected in the table where the column totals were incorrect – thank you.

*Minor Essential revision*
The two typographical errors have also been corrected

*Discretionary Revision*
We have added the number and rate of babies who received both CPAP and mechanical ventilation during admission (page 7, paragraphs 1 &2)
The length of CPAP is not available. However, we have added a paragraph addressing this limitation and the issues raised by Reviewer #2 (page 9, paragraph 3)

Reviewer #2
Discretionary Revision
We agree that our paper does not address the issue of safety and that was not our aim. However, we acknowledge that this is an important issue and as noted above, we have added a paragraph addressing the limitations of the study (page 9, paragraph 3)